

Ambition

"In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow", Isaiah 17:11.

Dore's "The Neophyte"

Gustave Dore, is known more for his illustrations rather than as an artist. During the nineteenth century he produced a characteristically suggestive picture called "The Neophyte".

In this particular illustration he portrays a young monk whose imaginative desires of living a life of piety, meditation, and an expected holy living, are rudely changed from his pure ambitions to an absolute disenchantment, as he looks at his fellow companions during their time of worship.

Mark Twain's Home

Samuel Clemens wrote under the name "Mark Twain". Like a lot of young men he fell in love with a beautiful young lady named 'Livy'.

She was not only beautiful, she was also a devoted Christian who established not only a family altar, but also prayers at meal times.

A short time later, Sam said, "Livy, if you want to you can continue to do this by yourself, since I do not believe in your God and you're making a me hypocrite".

It was not long before Livy started to move away from God whilst enjoying the high life of Europe.

At a point of desperation, Sam said to his wife, "Livy, if your faith can help you now, look to it".

Livy replied, "I can't, Sam; I haven't any faith now; it was destroyed a long time ago".

Dr. Howard Kelly At Graduation

On the night of his graduation from medical college, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, world-famed surgeon and gynecologist, wrote in his diary: "I dedicate myself, my time, my capabilities, my ambition, everything to Him. Blessed Lord, sanctify me to Thy uses. Give me no worldly success which may not lead me nearer to my Saviour!"