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I

ON THINKING IMPERIALLY

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work; I will triumph in the works of Thy hands. O Lord, how great are Thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.—Ps. xcii. 4-6.

THE psalmist indulges in grand conceptions and celebrations, which fill him with delight; he is enraptured with thoughts of God's works and government. The brutish man and the fool are incapable of these boundless and delightful speculations; they are wholly occupied with narrow, frivolous, sordid interests.

There is the larger thought that arises from the contemplation of God's works. This rapturous passage must contain a reference to the greatness and glory of creation. The psalmist is alive to the beauty of the earth, the wildness of the sea, the magnificence of the heavens, and these appreciations enlarge his heart and fill it with pure enthusiasm. Contemplating the divine grandeurs of nature, he becomes oblivious to the petty thoughts and cares of human life, and bathes his soul in the infinite.

Never was there more pressing need of the larger thought than to-day. Our age is specially materialistic,