

The state of human happiness, for the most part, is like certain groups of trees, which seen from a distance look wonderfully fine; but if we go up to them and among them, their beauty disappears; we do not know wherein it lay, for it is only trees that surround us. And so it happens that we often envy the position of others.

#### FOOTNOTES:

[14] \_Grundpr. der Ethik\_, p. 48; \_Welt als Wille und Vorstellung\_, vol. i. p. 338.