

having obtained what is prejudicial to us, or from the want of something which we cannot obtain. But if from our short-sightedness, we aim at those things which are disadvantageous to us, we have yet this advantage from the same imperfection in our natures, viz. that we often frustrate what we wish to bring about. But as we know, that next to being really happy, the greatest pleasure is attempting to be so, we must make the trial; and I should think myself very little deserving the felicity I enjoy, if I refused any thing in my power towards contributing to that of your's.

After all that I have said concerning our false ideas of happiness, and

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