

not that true and devoted love which should exist between husband and wife, however high or low their station in life may be. We notice in the case of this marriage that the object for which it was done was not accomplished. But instead, Antony soon went back to Cleopatra in Egypt and was even worse than he had been before his marriage with Octavia. Finally their armies were brought face to face in battle. So it is in most cases where the purpose of a marriage is other than was intended by the Creator and Giver of all things.

Also at the banquet, on board Pompey's galley, given after the agreement of peace between Pompey and the others, Cæsar is the only man who has enough self-restraint and self-control not to go to excess. He says, in regard to his drinking: "I had rather fast from all four days, than drink so much in one." He also had enough presence of mind to know when to bring things to a close and go home, which is too often not the case with people when they are having a nice time.

He presents himself to our view in the ante-chamber of his own house, just before the departure of Antony and his wife, Cæsar's sister, and in his parting words he shows how anxious he is for the friendship between Antony and himself to be permanent, that has just been cemented by the marriage of Antony and Octavia. But at the same time Cæsar seems to foresee the course events were going to take, and that ere long Antony would forget his vows and be in a short time at the court of Cleopatra. Indeed this was the case, this being the time when he and Cleopa-