

Words of the Wise.

"RELIGION would not have enemies," says Marillon, "if it were not an enemy to their vices."

DON'T be anxious until you are compelled to be. Many a man worries about a ghost that never appears to him.

WE do not become righteous by doing what is righteous, but having become righteous we do what is righteous.—*Luther.*

NO one knows anything about comfort who has not sometimes taken it upon the edge of distress.—*Rev. J. T. Duryea, D.D.*

THE best method of arriving at a knowledge of God's eternal purposes about us is to be found in the right use of the present moment.—*P. W. Faber.*

WHEN God would educate a man, He compels him to learn bitter lessons. He sends him to school to the necessities rather than to the graces, thus by knowing all suffering, he may know also the eternal consolation.—*Celia Burleigh.*

Peace, peace,  
Look for its bright increase;  
Deepening, widening, year by year,  
Like a sunlit river, strong, calm, and clear;  
Lean on His love through this earthly vale,  
For His word and His work shall never fail,  
And He is "our peace."

—*Francis and Margaret.*

IN the private journal of a lady in New York, recently deceased, were found these words: "I expect to pass through this world but once. The good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness I can show, to any fellow-creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

THERE is no argument for Christ's religion equal to a pure, noble, godly life which is born of his Spirit. Nothing so repels, disgusts and hinders the unconverted as daily contact with those who profess Christianity only to make it odious. Let us all be watchful, for it is certainly possible to live so closely to Christ that when men see us they shall see Jesus.—*T. L. Cuyler, D.D.*

JONATHAN EDWARDS describes a Christian as being like "such a little flower as we see in the spring of the year, low and humble on the ground, opening its bosom to receive the pleasant beams of the sun's glory; rejoicing as it were in a calm rapture; diffusing around a sweet fragrance, standing peacefully and alone in the midst of other flowers."

DR. ADAMS, in his famous address of welcome to the Evangelical Alliance, said: "It has been said, whether by poetry or science it matters not, that there is a certain point in the upper air in which all discordant sounds of the earth, the rattle of wheels, the chime of bells, the roll of the drum, the laugh of the child, the moan of the beggar, meet and blend in perfect harmony." So in their highest experience Christians become one, all sects are united.

A FOREIGNER on one occasion, indulging in sceptical doubts of the existence of an overruling Providence, Sydney Smith, who had observed him evidently well satisfied with his repast, said: "You must admit that there is great genius and thought in that dish?" "Admirable!" he replied; "nothing can be better." "May I then ask, are you prepared to deny the existence of the cook?" asked Sydney.

A GOOD husband makes a good wife. Some men can neither do without wives nor without them; they are wretched alone, and what is called single blessedness, and they make their homes miserable when they get married; they are like Tompkins' dog, which could not bear to be loose, and howled when it was tied up. Happy bachelors are likely to be happy husbands, and a happy husband is the happiest of men. A well-matched couple carry a happy life between them, as the two spots mark the cluster of Eschol. They are a brace of birds of Paradise. They multiply their joys by sharing them, and lessen their troubles by dividing them; this is fine arithmetic. The wagon of care rolls lightly along as they pull together, and when it drags a little heavily, or there's a hitch anywhere, they love each other all the more, and so lighten the labour.—*John Ploughman.*

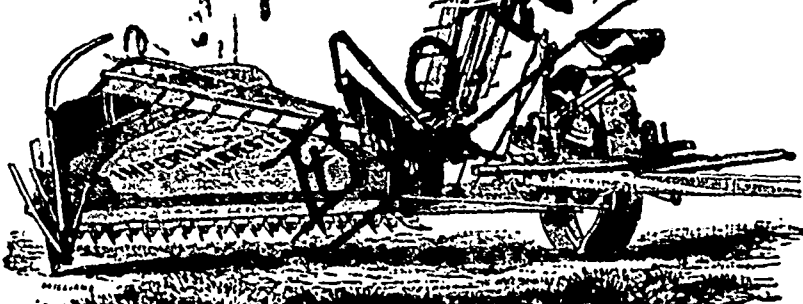
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