

Words of the Wise.

It is the enemy whom we do not expect who is the most dangerous.

If prayer is worship of the heart, meditation is that of the mind.

A MEMORY well stored with Scripture and sanctified by grace is a good library.

PUNCTUALITY is a Christian virtue, and no Christian man has a right to ignore it.

MAN'S character is insatiable. Life is a hunger and thirst, intellectual, social, emotional.

"PREACHING for the times" may be very good, but preaching the Gospel is a good deal better.

HOPE is like a hardy plant, which may be trampled under foot, but presently springs up into fresh life and beauty.

MAN are often baffled, deceived, and yet will not give up, but eventually achieve grand results, led on by living energy of hope.

DAVID'S contentment arose from finding his sufficiency in God. The Lord was more to him than the manna, or the stream in the wilderness.

It seems a degradation to many a man to admit that he has made a mistake, and yet it is but saying that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday. No man is without faults.

THAT men cannot do without Christianity is shown by the certainty with which the predominance of an all-denying unbelief does but call forth a keener craving for belief.

In olden times young men in Scotland carried the Book of Proverbs in the breast-pocket, and consulted it daily. This accounts for the wisdom and discretion which characterized the men of those days.

THE Bible is the rule, the direction by which man is to work out his own salvation, as the guide-board is the direction by which he is to walk out his journey. Religion is in the man, or it is not anywhere.

THE best part of a vessel is above the water; so should it be with the Christian. Whilst he is in the world, he should not be of the world, but should have his affections, desires, aspirations, and treasure in heaven.

THE Hebrew term for a young man springs from a root that signifies to shake off, or to be tossed to and fro; to note how fickle and inconstant young men are; they usually are persons either of no resolution for good, or of weak resolution. They are too often won with a nut, and lost with an apple.

THE man who goes through life with an uncertain doctrine, not knowing what he believes—what a poor, powerless creature he is! He goes around through the world as a man goes down the street with a poor, wounded arm, forever dodging people he meets on the street, for fear they may touch him.—Phillips Brooks.

THEY say that I am growing old, because my hair is silvered, and there are crow's feet on my forehead, and my step is not so firm and elastic as before. But they are mistaken. That is not me. The knees are weak, but the knees are not me. The brow is wrinkled, but the brow is not me. This is the house I live in. But I am young— younger than I ever was before.—Guthrie.

EACH day has its cares, but it has also its blessings. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," says the Psalmist. "Bear ye one another's burdens," and "Every man shall bear his own burden," says the apostle. These are not contradictory, but beautifully appropriate. It is quite possible to sympathize with others, whilst we carry our own burden or cast it upon the Lord. This is a truth with three sides to it.

CHRISTOPHER NORTH never said a truer or wiser thing than this, in his "Soliloquy on the Seasons": "Turn from the oracles of man—still dim even in their clearest response—to the oracles of God, which are never dark. Bury all your books when you feel the night of scepticism gathering around you; bury them all, powerful though you may have deemed their spells to illuminate the unfathomable; open your Bible, and all the spiritual world will be as bright to you."

THE late Professor Agassiz once said to a friend: "I will frankly tell you that my experience in prolonged scientific investigations convinces me that a belief in God—a God who is behind and within the chaos of vanishing points of human knowledge—adds a wonderful stimulus to the man who attempts to penetrate into the regions of the unknown. In myself I may say that I never make the preparations for penetrating into some small province of nature which had undiscovered without breathing first to the Being who hides His secrets from the only to allure me graciously on to the unfolding of them."

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