

Words of the Wise.

THE Church has creed enough and orthodoxy enough; what she wants is to fill up the measure of her creed with a clear, clean, Christ-like life.—*Ormiston.*

THERE are three things which the true Christian desires with respect to sin: Justification, that it may not condemn; sanctification, that it may not reign; and glorification, that it may not be.—*Cecil.*

I SLEEP most sweetly when I have travelled in the cold; frost and snow are friends to the seed, though they are enemies to the flower. Adversity is indeed contrary to glory, but it befriendeth grace.—*Richard Baxter.*

AN old mystic says somewhere, "God is an unutterable sigh in the innermost depths of the soul." With still greater justice, we may reverse the proposition, and say the soul is a never-ending sigh after God.

THE damps of Autumn sink into the leaves and prepare them for the necessity of their fall; and thus insensibly are we, as years close around us, detached from our tenacity of life by the gentle pressure of recorded sorrow.—*Landor.*

HE that never changed any of his opinions, never corrected any of his mistakes; and he who was never wise enough to find out any mistake in himself, will not be charitable enough to excuse what he reckons mistakes in others.—*Bradbury.*

ALL cannot become great scholars; but all may be wise unto salvation. All cannot acquire wealth; but all may gain the unsearchable riches of Christ. All cannot walk upon the high places of the earth; but all may be great in the sight of the Lord.

IF we rush into a constant round of working, without a corresponding increase in prayer, the work will wane away like the flame of a lamp when the oil is expended. "Still spiritual contemplation," says Dr. Arnot, "soon runs to seed when practical duty is neglected."

WE cannot remove social evils nor relieve great social wants by the very methods that have brought these upon us. Communities, like individuals, must obey the laws which God has written in our nature. Society must care first and last for its own moral condition.—*Doolittle.*

INNATE politeness and nobility of character shew themselves in every gesture, in every accent of the voice and glance of the eye; humble dress and occupation cannot conceal them. Vulgarity cannot put on these high qualities, though it be clad in purple and gold and be housed in a palace.

ALL truly consecrated men learn, little by little, that what they are consecrated to is not joy or sorrow, but a divine idea and a profound obedience, which can find their full outward expression not in joy, and not in sorrow, but in the mysterious and inseparable mingling of the two.—*Phillips Brooks.*

FOR a long time I felt myself to be a lost sheep, not knowing on whom to rely; and now, with the deepest consciousness that I have at last attained rest, I exclaim, "the Lord is my Shepherd. What is there that can harm me?" And as I look forward into the future, I exclaim, with David, "I shall not want."—*Tholuck.*

O! HOW vain a thing is man, even in his best estate, while he is nothing but himself,—while his heart is not united and fixed on God, and he is disquieted in vain. How small a thing will do it! He needs no other than his own heart; it may prove disquietment enough to itself; his thoughts are his tormentors.—*Leighton.*

THERE is more quiet work done for the Saviour and his suffering people, and other poor, than the world knows of. The men and women who go about on quiet missions, reading the Bible, praying, talking, providing material help in food and clothing, and otherwise distributing their charities, are more numerous than even Christians imagine. They get no mention in the newspapers—it is part of the glory of their work that they do not.—*Anon.*

THERE are two ways of being happy—we may either diminish our wants or augment our means—either will do, the result is the same; and it is for each man to decide for himself, and do that which happens to be easiest. If you are idle or sick or poor, however hard it may be for you to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosperous, or young and in good health, it may be easier for you to augment your means than diminish your wants. But if you are wise you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well; and if you are very wise, you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.—*Benjamin Franklin.*

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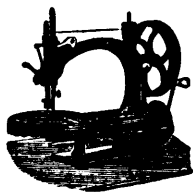
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