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A Wesleyan local preacher, when asked his views of the extent of grace, replied, "I believe the plaster is as big as the wound."

"Ere thou mark another's sin,
Bid thy conscience look within."

We often lose deep joys, because we fear deep sorrows.
The Christian falls not asleep in the fire or in the water,
but in the sunshine.

No vessel of gold is moulded without the furnace.
When a soul is at ease it may be amused; but a hungry
soul wants bread.

The best test in all things is, Lord, thou seest me, and I shall
soon see Thee.

Some prayers have a longer voyage but they return with a
richer lading.

Apostasy begins at the closet-door.

If we cannot go to God *with* a broken heart, let us go to
Him *for* one.

Never trouble yourself with trouble, till trouble troubles
you.

Whatever is matter of our care, should be matter of our
prayer.

We may know what Christ has done *for* us, by what He
has done *in* us.

If you make a good profession, be sure to make your pro-
fession good.

A great deal of talent is lost to the world for the want of a
little courage.

Observed duties maintain our credit, but secret duties
maintain our life.

Before thou reprehend another, take heed that thou are not
culpable in that which thou goest about to repress. He that
cleanses a blot with blurred fingers will make a greater blot.

Most men are afraid of a bad name, but few of their con-
sciences.

He who knows Christ is able to instruct even those that are
mighty in the Scriptures.

A good life hath but few days, but a good name endureth
for ever. Have regard to thy name.

"Thou shalt not be found out," is not one of God's com-
mandments, and no man can be saved by trying to keep it.

It is a vast work that every man may do if he never be idle;
and it is a huge way that a man may go in virtue if he never
goes out of his way to a vicious habit or a great crime.

The ministers of the Gospel should learn to know the worth
of an immortal soul, and be as ready to use their talents for
the conversion of slaves and the ignoble as the great and
opulent, and prize the converted slave as highly as the con-
verted lord, showing no sinful respect of persons.

The Bible is a window in this prison of hope through which
we look into eternity.

Prayer, without watching, is hypocrisy; and watching,
without prayer, presumption.

By the way many people in society waste their passing
time, one would think that they expected to live eternally.

When a man begins to find fault with other people he may
well be advised to look for evil in his own life.

It is not until we have passed through the furnace that we
are made to know how much dross was in our composition.

The habit of being always employed is a great safeguard
through life, as well as essential to the culture of every
virtue.

He that preaches gratitude pleads the cause both of God
and men, for without it we can neither be sociable nor
religious.

The reward of well-doing is satisfaction here and happiness
hereafter.

To all men, and at all times, the best friend is virtue, and
the best companions are high endeavours and honourable
sentiments.

Don't live a single hour in your life without doing exactly
what ought to be done in it, and going straight through it
from beginning to end.

Much of the wisdom of one age is the folly of the next.
The strength of man increases with the knowledge of his
weakness.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the
loom, and will see the defect when the weaving of lifetime is
unrolled.

THOUGHTS FROM MOODY.

"**N**OTHING cultivates like the Bible. Botanists know
nothing of Sharon; geologists cannot dig down to
the Rock of Ages; astronomers can't show us the morning
star."

"It would have been a waste of time for Paul to preach to
the natives of Malta with that viper hanging to his hand.
Let the Church shake off the vipers of pride, worldliness, and
unbelief, and then she can preach Christ."

"The Lord made room for you in heaven; can you not
make room for Him in your heart? The nations don't want
Him; many of the churches are locked and barred against
Him. There is no room for Him in our inns."

"You can't be a Christian because there are hypocrites in
the church? Then you had better get out of the world as
soon as possible, for three-quarters of the world are hypo-
crites, and there are only liars in hell; but there won't be
any at the marriage supper of the Lamb."

"Moses took of the blood and touched it with the right
ear, right thumb, and right toe of the High Priest—the ear,
because only those redeemed by blood can hear the voice of
God; the hand, because only they can render Him acceptable
service; the foot, because no one else can walk with God."

"I like to go all round a text to see what's after and before
—then I find often it is like a little diamond set in pearls."

"The world says earnest Christians are mad; if they are,
they have an uncommonly good Keeper on the way, and a
capital asylum at the end."

"God loved Elijah too well to answer that prayer of his
when he lay there under the juniper tree scared out of his life
by one bad woman. He had a better way in store for him.
Elijah was to go up to heaven in a chariot, instead of sneak-
ing out of the world in that way."

"We might as well be honest and own that we all do like
to shine; and we all may, for they that be wise shall shine
as the brightness of the firmament." Look at the great men
of Daniel's time. What's become of them all? But here is
Daniel, after 2500 years, shining yet; and 2500 years hence
there he'll be shining brighter than ever."

"Jesus said, 'Preach the Gospel to every creature.' I can
imagine Peter asking Him, 'What, Lord, shall we offer
salvation to the men who crucified you?' And I can imagine
Jesus answering him, 'Yes, Peter; I want you to go up to
Jerusalem, and wait there until you are endued with power
from on high. Then I want to preach my Gospel to every-
body, beginning at Jerusalem. Offer salvation to the men
who crucified Me. Peter, I'd like you to find that man who
put the crown of thorns on My head. Tell him if he'll take
salvation as a gift he shall have a crown of glory from Me,
and there shan't be a thorn in it. Look up that Roman
soldier who thrust that spear into My side, to my very
heart, and tell him there's a nearer way to My heart than
that. My heart is full of love for his soul. Offer him
salvation.'"

MODE OF REPROOF.

SOME persons apparently pride themselves on being blunt,
or, as they call it, "honest"; but blunt people do very
little good to others, and get very little love to themselves.
The Scriptures recommend *gentleness and kindness*.

Reproof should generally fall like the gentle dew, and not
like the rushing hailstorm. The oil insinuateth itself; the
stone wounds and then rebounds.

Christians should take heed of getting fond of "rebuking."
Such spiritual "constables" do a great deal of mischief with-
out intending it. They are in a church what a very witty
and sarcastic person is in society, or what a tell-tale is in
school, and approximate very closely to that class which the
apostle terms, "busybodies in other men's matters."

Our manner must be tender and winning. The nail of re-
proof, says an old writer, must be well oiled in kindness
before it is driven home. Meddling with faults of others is
like attempting to move a person affected with rheumatic
gout—it must be done slowly and tenderly, nor must we be
frightened by an outcry or two.

The great thing is to show the person that you really love
him; and if you manifest this in the sight of God, he will
bless your efforts and give you favour in the sight of an erring
brother.—*Sel.*