

Words of the Wise.

HE who will do a good work for God must have a good work done within him. The power of acceptable and remunerative service is in the soul of one who is sanctified.

THE best recipe for going through life in exquisite way with beautiful manner, is to feel that everybody, no matter how rich or how poor, need all the kindness they can get from others.

IF a man have a thought which will bless the world, but which he selfishly withholds, he is an enemy to his race. And so small and yet so great as this is the difference between the benefactor and the wrong-doer.

AS even the sparrows are not over-looked by our Heavenly father, so nothing, whether good or ill, ever happens to His children without His provident care and will, and all the things are surely working out in the end, the highest good they will permit.

FLATTER not thyself in thy faith to God, if thou wantest charity for thy neighbour; and think not thou hast charity for thy neighbour, if thou wantest faith in God—when they are both wanting; they are both dead, if once divided.

EVEN our natural love of destruction can be changed into a love of creation. Look at Paul. He wanted to destroy the Christian Church, but God changed his nature, and killed the old lion in him, and "out of the eater came forth meat."—*Dr. Richard Newton.*

PRACTICAL Christianity is no sanctuary sensation, no Sabbath-day service. It is the conscientious discharge of all duty, with a desire therein to honour Jehovah. It makes the whole world a temple and the whole life a priesthood, "eating and drinking, and doing all things to the glory of God."

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."—*Aug. Tholuck.*

WE are opposed to enlarging the list of holy days, because we believe that the creation or acceptance of other such days besides the Sabbath tends—we speak in the light of the history of them—to weaken the sense of obligation to observe the Sabbath, and to reduce all such days to the character of holidays.—*Methodist.*

TO him whom the science of nature delights, every object brings new proof of the existence of a Deity, and everything that proves this gives cause for admiration. If he lifts his eyes to the clouds, finds he not the heavens full of wonders? If he looks down to the earth, does not the worm proclaim a Maker? Could less than Omnipotence have formed and framed these things?

"THROUGH flood and flames, if Jesus leads, I'll follow where He goes." We like to hear you sing that; but how about making up to that neighbour to whom you have not spoken for some time, and how about your failing to pay what you promised the pastor? And then, too, how much have you given to missions within twelve months?—*Religious Herald.*

AS I stood musing at a window, I saw a fly upon it, and made a brush with my hand to catch it. When I opened my hand the fly was not inside, but still in the same place on the glass. Scarcely thinking what I did I made another brush with my hand, and thought that I had captured the insect, but with the same result. There was the victim quietly retaining his place in spite of me. It was on the other side of the glass. When I saw it was so, I smiled at my folly. Those who attempt to find pleasure outside of Christ will experience a like failure, for they are seeking on the wrong side of the glass.—*Spurgeon.*

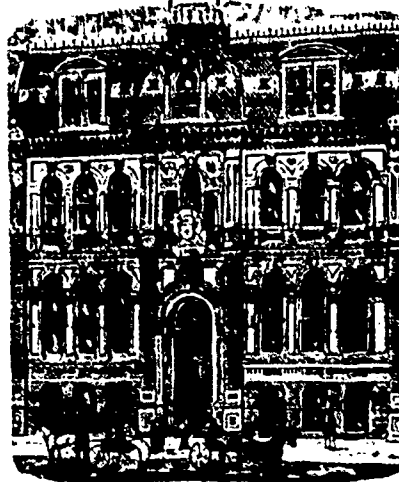
MINISTERS make a great mistake when they introduce into their sermons and speeches language that is indelicate. Sometimes, for the sake of the supposed wit they contain, they relate stories that are coarse and offensive, or make use of illustrations that are immodest. Worse than this, they may so far forget themselves on special occasions, when the license is supposed to be unusual, as to be indecent. But they make a mistake—because it is in bad taste and is dishonouring to their culture and profession; and because the people whom they ought to be most anxious to please are offended by their grotesqueness. The applause of a few "low fellows of the baser sort" is a poor compensation for the withdrawal of their good opinion by those who are pure and respectable.

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