

**Cleanings.**

ENVY no man's talent, but improve your own.

NOTHING is really troublesome that we do willingly.

IN order to deserve a true friend, we must first learn to be one.

HE that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.—Prov. xxviii. 13.

QUAINT old Richard Fuller very beautifully said that "he who spends all his life in sport is like one who wears nothing but fringes and eats nothing but sauces."

WATCHFULNESS is wakefulness in opposition to sleep; attentiveness, in opposition to neglect; and perceptiveness, in opposition to stupidity.

COURAGE lies between rashness and dread, and patience between despising the chastening of the Lord, and fainting when we are rebuked of Him.

IT was admirable advice which Mr. Wesley records as having been given to a preacher by an old woman: "Preach," said she, "the law first, then the gospel, then the law again."

AN Indian, having heard from a white man some strictures on zeal, replied, "I don't know about having too much zeal; but I think it is better the pot should boil over than not boil at all."

"ONE additional grain of holiness or conformity to God," said the late Dr. James, of Albany, "with a consciousness that God was pleased with it, would outweigh a universe of every other kind of good."

DR. PAYSON, when interrupted by calls in busy moments, or when he would not have desired them, found relief in the thought, which he often expressed, "The man who wants me is the man I want."

Greatness and goodness are not means, but ends.

Hath he not always treasures, always friends, The good, great man? Three treasures, Love and Light.

And Calm Thoughts, regular as infants' breath; And three firm friends, more sure than day and night.

Himself, his Maker, and the angel Death. —Coleridge.

THOSE who are satisfied with the world for their portion and seek not for happiness in God, feel no need for accepting the Gospel invitation, and are in no uneasiness about their souls. But those who labour and are heavy laden are invited, and they come. —Matthew Henry.

As Brownlow North lay on his deathbed he enjoyed, according to his own confession, "perfect peace." To a bystander he said, "You are young, in good health, and with the prospect of rising in the army; I am dying, but if the Bible is true, and I know it is, I would not change places with you for all the world."

Sow, sow, sow;  
Ever keep on sowing;  
God will cause the seed to grow  
Faster than your knowing.  
Nothing e'er was sown in vain,  
If, His voice obeying,  
You look upward for the rain,  
And falter not in praying.

CHRISTIANS should be habitually joyful. They are the only people in this world who have reason to be happy. The Bible enjoins this joy, and one design of the means of grace is to "fill them with all joy and peace in believing." And yet many go through life with their heads bowed like bulrushes, and scarcely ever have any good hope or any appreciable and comforting sign of God's favour.

WE talk much of the badness of the world, and there are no men that do more to make it bad than bad parents and family governors. Many call for Church reformation and State reformation; but if men would reform their families and agree in a holy education of their children and a religious care of their servants, every Church and State would soon be reformed when they were made up of such reformed families.

HE who cannot find time to consult his Bible will one day find he has time to be sick; he who has no time to pray must find time to die; he who can find no time to re-

flect is most likely to find time to sin; he who cannot find time for repentance will find an eternity in which repentance will be of no avail; he who cannot find time to work for others may find an eternity in which to suffer for himself.—Hannah Moore.

A RECENT German writer says: "The lark goes up singing towards heaven; but if she stops the motion of her wings then straightway she falls. So it is with him who prays not. Prayer is the movement of the wings of the soul: it bears one heavenward; but without prayer he sinks in the filth of earthly impulses."

THINK about yourself; about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, what people think of you, and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch; you will make sin and misery for yourself out of everything which God sends you; you will be as wretched as you choose or earth, or in heaven either.

MY son, trust not to thy feelings, for whatever they be now, they will quickly be changed toward some other thing. But he that is wise and well-instructed in the Spirit standeth fast upon these changing things; not heeding what he feeleth in himself, or which way the wind of instability bloweth; but that the whole intent of his mind may be to the right and the best end.—Thomas A. Kempis.

WHY sit you down at sighing  
Because 'tis dark, my friend?  
A light is underlying  
The gloomiest shades that blend.

That life, it is completer,  
If it embraces all:—  
The sweet is always sweeter,  
If you have tasted gall.

Then bravely bear your crosses,  
Nor closely clasp your pains,  
And hid among your losses  
Perhaps you may find gains.

It was the quaint saying of a dying man, who exclaimed: "I have no fear of going home. God's finger is on the latch, and I am ready for him to open the door. It is but the entrance to my Father's house." And said another: "Why should I shrink from dying? It is the funeral of all my sorrows, and evils, and sins, and the perfection of all my joys forever!"

"I HAVE been a member of your Church for thirty years," said an elderly Christian to his pastor, "and when I was laid by with sickness for a week or two, only one or two came to visit me. I was shamefully neglected." "My friend," said the pastor, "in all those thirty years how many sick have you visited?" "Oh," he replied, "it never struck me in that light. I thought only of the relation of others to me, and not of my relation to them."

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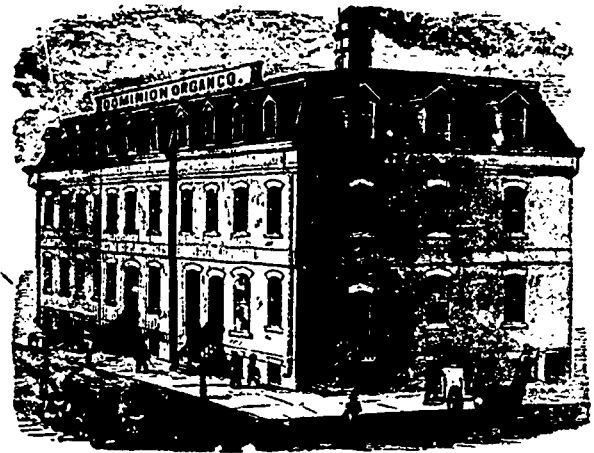
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