

old bone, dig it up, and fight and growl over it until he gets tired out." Many fault-finders in families and in churches have an old buried bone which as a last resort they are sure to dig up to quarrel and fight over. We were not put into the world to find fault ever, but to get what good we can, to do what good we can, and in our life and conversation glorify our Creator and our God.—*Kalendar.*

WISE WORDS.

A RIGHT faith gives motives for a right life. In means of grace we come for the power of God in order to do His will, and grow worthy of Him. Truth is made known, and grace is given that men may live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for the blessed hope laid up for them in heaven. God did not send His Son, Christ did not die, the Holy Spirit did not come that heaven might be filled with pardoned felons, but that earth might be filled with children of God, led by the Holy Spirit toward's their Father's home.—No one now thinks to save himself; there is no risk of any one vainly trusting to his own works instead of Christ. Crowds are content to 'trust in the Lord,' while they do not good, but evil, or nothing. They seem to think it matters not what they believe, or how they live, or what they are, so that they are only 'saved' at last. It is as if man had no work to do here, no need of God's favour, day by day. It is as if God's laws need not, or could not, be kept, and the life lived here had nothing to do with forming the character, or fixing the

state for man's hereafter. It is as if Christ lived and died to make sin safe, not to save from sin; to relieve man from the need of holiness, not to enable him to be holy.

Religion is not for the end of life, or for stray hours in life. It is for the whole life, and for every hour of life. It is vain so far as it fails to influence a man in his common work and pleasures, as well as to inspire his worship. It should make him 'pitiful and courteous,' true and kindly, as well as devout. It should guide him to make this world brighter for others, as well as to reach heaven himself.

Religion needs thought and care, if it is to be learned and practised well. The Bible is not one verse, but a large volume. To neglect any of God's words is to trifle with Him. To make light of any means of grace or help God offers is to show self-trust, and want of faith in God. To be unwatchful or idle in daily duty is to forget the seriousness of life, and to grieve God, Who worketh in man to will and do of His good pleasure.—*Daily Round.*

GROWTH OF PRINCIPLES.

Few things in the history of the Church, in this country, within the last twenty five years, have seemed to me so remarkable as the rapid progress of opinion among her members. That progress has been neither toward Romanism nor toward sectarianism. It has been a rapid progress toward a clearer comprehension, a more distinct assertion, and a more general reception of *her own proper principles*—her principles as Catholic, but not