

is very plain—"Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." The counsel of many is against it. Listen: All instruction is against it—follow such; all pronounce it evil—avoid it. By so doing a powerful agent of the devil for the destruction of human character will have no influence over you. Be wise and walk in the way of wisdom.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

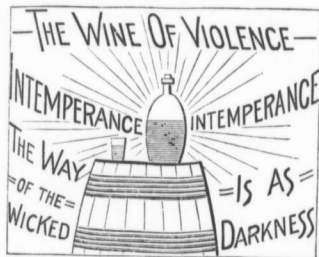
Take my life.
Keep thou my way.
Yield not to temptation.
Dare to do right.
God speed the right.

My body, soul, and spirit,
Learning of Jesus.
In the Saviour's steps I'll follow.
Rally for the cause of temperance.
Ready to follow.

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Thoughts for the Quiet Hour.

—Time taken for deliberation is very well if it is wisely used. But it is better to act promptly on a good impulse than to wait a while and then decide to do wrong.—*Trumbull*.

—As a great tree in the forest when it falls drags down many others with it, so also are

many others carried along by the bad example of those who rule when they fall away from their religion or sin otherwise grossly against God.—*Bahr*.

—When the need is greatest God is nearest. If God often unexpectedly helps even apostates out of great need, how much more will he do this for his own, who call to him day and night.—*Cramer*.

—God's making use of us is the best evidence of his being at peace with us. Hereby it will appear that our sins are pardoned, and we have the good will of God toward us; does his good word come unto us, and do we experience his good work in us.—*Henry*.

—How vain are all outward helps without the influence of God's Spirit and that spirit that breathes where he listeth! Good education raiseth great hopes, but the proof of them is in the divine benediction.—*Bishop Hall*.

—In ourselves we were scattered; in Christ we are collected together. By nature we wander, driven headlong to destruction; in Christ we find the way to the gate of life.—*Calevin*.

—Rain may to us seem lost when it falls on a desert, but it fulfills some purpose of God. So the Gospel word falling on the hard heart; it sometimes works a change at last; and even if not so, it leaves men without excuse.—*Fausset*.

—Earth has been known to whisper low yet clear Strange consolation for the wintry days.
O listen, then, ye singers! learn and tell
Those who must labor by the dusty ways.

—*Annie Fields*.

—Men are like cathedral windows, kaleidoscopic with stained glass of all manner of colors and shades, each piece transmitting light of its own peculiar color; and the revelation of truth is according to the faculties in the men themselves through which the truth reports itself.—*Beecher*.

—It is not by change of circumstance, but by fitting our spirits to the circumstances in which God has placed us, that we can be reconciled to life and duty.—*Robertson*.

—It was a law in Israel: "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff." It is the law of Christ's kingdom, in which motives, not deeds, and spiritual susceptibility, not the accidents of the mode of its expression, determine place, capacity of receiving, and therefore reward.—*McLaren*.

—Let us remember that each day is ordered by almighty love, and brings with it that measure of the bitter and the sweet which, according to the judgment of infinite wisdom, is most conducive to our true peace and welfare.—*Krummacher*.