

Words of the Wise.

HE submits himself to be seen through a microscope, who suffers himself to be caught in a passion.

THE world is wide, these things are small, They may be nothing, but they are all.

MONEY will buy books, but it requires individual exertion and study to draw knowledge from their pages.

IF you have talents, industry will strengthen them; if moderate abilities, industry will supply the deficiency.

As sins proceed they ever multiply; like figures in arithmetic, the last on the left stands for more than all that went before it.

In sad truth, half of our forebodings about our neighbours are but our own wishes, which we are ashamed to utter in any other form.

KIND words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips, and we have never heard of any mental trouble arising therefrom.

OUR principles are the springs of our actions; our actions are the springs of our happiness or misery. Too much care, therefore, cannot be taken in forming our principles.

PROFANITY never did any man the least good. No man is richer, happier, or wiser for it. It commends no one to society; it is disgusting to refined people, and abominable to the good.

As storm following storm, and wave succeeding wave, give additional hardness to the shell that encloses the pearl, so do the storms and waves of life add force to the character of man.

IT is a mistake to expect to receive welcome, hospitality, words of cheer, and help over rugged and difficult passes in life, in return for cold selfishness, which cares for nothing in the world but self.

No nation, whatever be its natural resources, shall survive the action of those divinely appointed laws by which righteousness is made to exalt a nation, and sin to be a reproach to any people.

HOWEVER early in the morning you seek the gate of access, you find it already open; and however deep the midnight hour when you find yourself in the sudden arms of death, the winged prayer can bring an instant Saviour near.

WILDNESS is a thing which girls cannot afford. Delicacy is a thing which cannot be lost or found. No art can restore to the grape its bloom. Familiarity without confidence, without regard, is destructive to all that makes woman exalting and ennobling.

"THAT man is my thorn in the flesh!" exclaimed an exasperated young Christian, when some careless delay on the part of a fellow worker had caused unusual trouble. "Make him a means of grace, then," was the cheerful, helpful answer. Most of us, in home or business life, are daily pricked by the habitual carelessness, ill-temper, or selfishness of some associate. The Christian philosopher teaches that the very existence of these buffeting thorns points them out as means of grace.

IN the still air the music lies unheard; In the rough marble beauty hides unseen; To make the music and the beauty needs The master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen; Great Master, touch us with Thy skilful hand; Let not the music that is in us die! Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let, Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie! Spare not the stroke! do with us as Thou wilt! Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred; Thy perfect image, Thou our God and Lord! —Bonar.

THE one great practical truth that ought to be driven over and over again into his own mind by every young man is, that he should not care a button for his likes and dislikes; but should do what ought to be done, in spite of any disagreeableness. This lesson of self-denial is far beyond any other in importance. It must be repeated a thousand times over before it is really learnt by heart, but oh, how worthy the pains! Happy is he who has learned not to seek what is pleasant, but to go on doing everything that he knows to be good, and kind, and right, in utter disregard of self. How a man might ennoble and invigorate his life, if he would work this principle into the very grain of his mind, and strenuously act upon it, invariably striving not after what would be pleasantest, but what would be best. In fact, it is the very essence of all that is good and great in human life; and not only so, but is the true road to happiness. This, doubtless, is what our Saviour means when He says that he that hath left home and brethren for His sake shall receive a hundred-fold, even in this life.—Selected.

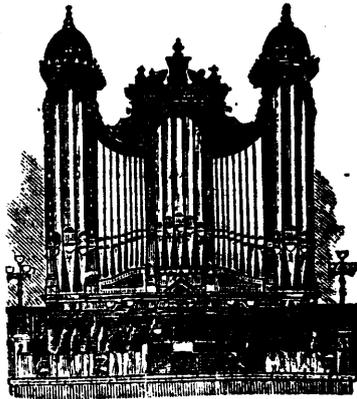
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