

Words of the Wise.

If ever we would be lovely like Christ, we must be holy like Christ. Holiness is a Christian's comeliness.

KIND interpretations are imitations of the merciful benignity of the Creator finding excuses for His creatures.

ETERNAL, unchangeable truths come to men, not by experience, but only through intuition and revelation.—Fhilson.

KIND looks, kind words, kind acts, and warm hand-shakes—these are secondary means of grace when men are in trouble, and are fighting their unseen battles.—Dr. John Hall.

We seem to live in great peace and serenity of mind, when things are done according to our own will and opinions, but if things happen otherwise, then are we straightway moved and much vexed. Let us therefore humble our souls under the hand of God in all temptations and tribulations, for by them is man proved.—Thomas à Kempis.

CLOUDY days are many; bright days are few. We must catch each ray of sunlight as it comes. The clouds gather, and as they roll they hide the distant shores from our sight. The clouds that hide our future never lift, blessed shadow! Who would wish to see one step along the way? An unseen hand will guide us safely to the other side, if we take firm hold and cast our care on Him. It is better to trust than to see.—Payson.

THAT instrument will make no music that hath but some strings in tune. If, when God strikes on the strings of joy or gladness, we answer pleasantly; but when He touches upon that of sorrow or humiliation, we see it not; we are broken instruments that make no melody unto God. A well-tuned heart must have all its strings, all its affections, ready to answer every touch of God's finger. He will make everything beautiful in its time. Sweet harmony cometh out of some discords.—Owen.

WHAT fruits can the advocates of non-Christian theories and ideas and principles point to with all their cleverness? What holy, loving, peaceful quietness of spirit have they exhibited? What victories have they won over darkness, immorality, superstition, and sin? What successful missions have they carried on? What seas have they crossed? What countries have they civilized or moralized? What neglected home populations have they improved? What self-denying labours have they gone through? What deliverance have they wrought in the earth? You may well ask; you will get no answer. No wonder our Lord said of false prophets, "By their fruits ye shall know them." (Matt. vii. 16, 17.) It is only those who shall say with Peter, "Thou hast the words of eternal life," who make a mark on mankind while they live, and say, "O death where is thy sting?" when they die.—Bishop Kyle.

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