

Words of the Wise.

FANCY runs most furiously when a guilty conscience drives it.—*Thomas Fuller.*  
LET friendship creep gently to a height; if it rushes to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.—*Fuller.*

UPRIGHT simplicity is the deepest wisdom, and perverse craft the merest shallowness.—*Barrow.*

THE great ends of life are best gained by him who in all his conduct is animated by the love of Christ.—*McLeod.*

THE most beautiful thing in human life is attainment to a resemblance of the Divine.—*Quintilian.*

THERE are some men so exquisitely selfish, that they go through life not only without ever being loved, but without even wishing to be.—*Richter.*

GOD'S laws were never designed to be like cobwebs which catch the little flies, but suffer the large ones to break through.—*Matthew Henry.*

WHEN bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice, in a contemptible struggle.—*Edmund Burke.*

As in nature, as in art, so in grace; it is rough treatment that gives souls, as well as stones, their lustre. The more the diamond is cut the brighter it sparkles; and in what seems hard dealing, there God has no end in view but to perfect His people.—*Dr. Guthrie.*

SALVATION by faith is a grand doctrine, provided the word "faith" be properly defined; but if a man who wilfully cheats can hope to be saved by faith, then he is wrapping himself in a covering too short and narrow to envelope his soul. His faith will prove inadequate.—*D. Swing.*

MOST of the recent popular reasoning against Sabbath and Temperance laws grounds itself on the assumption that the State is pagan, anti-Christian, and atheistic, oblivious of the fundamental fact that it is a Christian people who constitute this State and make the laws.—*Interior.*

THOSE churches and the ministers of our times and of our own land who have deliberately and habitually lowered the standard, and have introduced sensational and irreverent novelties into their methods of church work and into their pulpits, have set bad examples and done irreparable mischief.

I HAVE found nothing yet which requires more courage and independence than to rise even a little but decidedly above the par of the religious world around us. Surely, the way in which we commonly go on is not the way of self-denial and sacrifice and cross-bearing which the New Testament talks of.—*Dr. J. W. Alexander.*

HOW much better were it that thou shouldst even lose something for thyself, and win others thereby, than thou shouldst remain on thy height, and let thy brother perish! Like the servant who hid his Lord's talent, though thou fastest, sleepest on the earth, strewest thyself with ashes and ever mournest, if thou art of no use to others, thou doest nothing great.—*Chrysostom.*

WANT of self-control is usually the result of lack of effort. Men say they cannot repress their anger, bridle their tongues, restrain their appetites, but the reason is they do not honestly try. A thorough exercise in personal discipline will, in nearly all cases, result in excellent self-control.—*United Presbyterian.*

ENLIGHTENED people laugh at the heathen who twirls a revolving plate on which his prayer is written, and fancies that he has thus done his duty to his god. But thousands of our comfortable, well-fed, and benevolently-inclined citizens are doing all their charity by machinery. And that is one reason why the silent poor are not reached.—*Times.*

GIVING to the Church is not only a means of grace in the sanctifying work it does, but also in securing interest in the Church and the cause of religion. One of the first things to do in seeking to reclaim a man is to get him to identify his life with the work of the Lord by giving it practical help. When one has invested in an enterprise he will be attached to it.

WE are continually forgetting the benefits of God, and not reflecting on His goodness and loving kindness, and its manifestations and fruits. This is our disposition to forget the benefits of God. The contemplation and remembrance of them is the source of thankfulness, of praise to God, of cheerfulness. So the Psalmist combines praising the Lord and remembrance of His benefits. This is the road, the way, to thankfulness.

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