

Words of the Wise.

If we are God's children, we need not fear the developments of His providence.—R. Newton.

It is the proper work of faith to believe what thou seest not, and the reward of faith to see and enjoy what thou hast believed.

A FELLOW pointing to a dram-shop said to his friend—"Eh, Tam," says he, "there's a place whaur ye'll get a raving headache for fivepence."

EVERY successive awakening, from Pentecost until to-day, has begun and ended in a sense awakened to the duty and privilege of alms-giving.—Presbyterian.

NONE are so fond of secrets as those who do not mean to keep them; such persons covet secrets as a spendthrift covets money, for the purpose of circulation.

How beautiful is God's Word! How rich are the treasures of His thoughts! How straight the ways of His law! How glorious the end of those who delight in His precepts!

GOD pity the man of science who believes in nothing but what he can prove by scientific methods; for if ever a human being needed divine pity he does.—Dr. J. G. Holland.

DIVINE grace educates the intellect as well as the feelings; the reasoning faculties of the mind as well as the best affections of the heart; consecrating both alike in the service of the Saviour.

A RELIGION that never suffices to govern a man, will never suffice to save him. That which does not distinguish him from a sinful world, will never distinguish him from a perishing world.—John Howe.

GIVE entertainment to pious thoughts, hear what they say. Holy thoughts are precious things, and if not angels, they are God's messengers, and in that sense angels sent from God. They come from God and they tend to God.

How deeply rooted must unbelief be in our hearts, when we are surprised to find our prayers answered, instead of feeling sure they will be so, if they are only offered up in faith, and are in accord with the will of God.—Guesses at Truth.

OH! how many precious moments are wasted in softness and self-indulgence, in frivolous pursuits, in idle conversation, and in vague and useless reverie, which, if rightly improved, might tell upon the world's destiny and the Redeemer's glory!—Clarke.

WE may lose heaven by neutrality, as well as by hostility; by wanting oil to our lamps, as well as by taking poison. The unprofitable servant will as surely be punished as the disobedient and rebellious servant. Undone duty will undo the soul!—Bowes.

IT ought to be the great care of every one of us to follow the Lord. We must follow Him universally, without dividing; uprightly, without dissembling; cheerfully, without disputing; constantly, without declining; and this is following Him fully.—Matthew Henry.

TROUBLE must have great possibilities of blessing in it, or it would not be so common in God's world. Surely we need not dread it so, when it brings in one hand the peaceable fruits of righteousness and in the other the joys of consolation for so many sorrowing souls.

"LEST they be discouraged!" Children teased and irritated lose heart, renounce every endeavour to please, or render at best but a soulless obedience. Approbation is as necessary to the child as counsel, and promise as indispensable as warning and reproof.—Eadie.

IT is almost as difficult to make a man unlearn his errors as his knowledge. Malinformation is more hopeless than non-information; for error is always more busy than ignorance. Ignorance is a blank sheet, on which we may write; but error is a scribbled one, from which we must first erase. Ignorance has no light, but error follows a false one.

HAVE you never observed how entirely devoid is the Lord's Prayer of any material which can tempt to subtle self-inspection in the act of devotion? It is full of an outflowing of thought and of emotion towards great objects or desires, great necessities and great perils. "After this manner, therefore, pray ye."—Professor Austin Phelps.

It is well to bear in mind that unsound teaching cannot always be condoned for the sake of activity and zeal in an associate body of workers, any more than great soundness of doctrine can justify inactivity and sloth in the Master's work. The unsound teaching and the slothfulness are each to be deplored and condemned, and, so far as possible, done away with.—Churchman.

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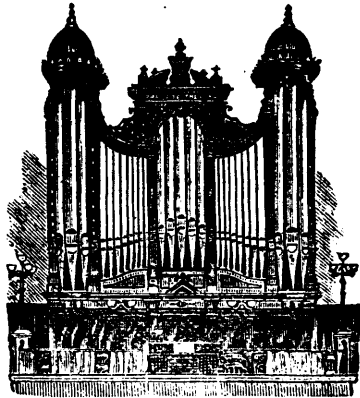
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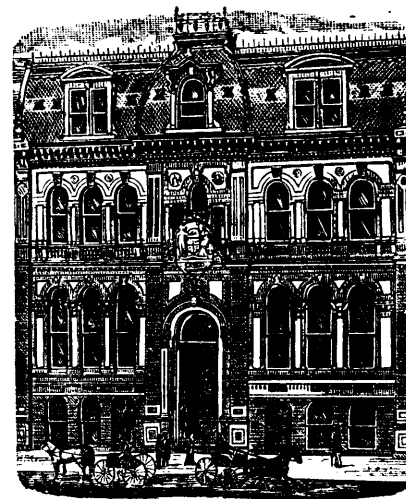
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