



The Sabbath.

"It is only when we see God in everything, His love and care and watchful help working to make us good, in all the little every day happenings—it is only then that the every days become rich, and all the happenings sweet and full of fresh interest."

THE NEW YEAR.

"But I," cried the fresh-hearted New Year, "I shall try to leave men wiser than I find them. I will offer them freely whatever good gifts Providence permits me to distribute, and will tell them to be thankful for what they have, and humbly hopeful for more." — *N. Hawthorne.*

SERVE GOD AND BE CHEERFUL.

"Serve God and be cheerful," self-balanced,
Whether Fortune smile sweetly or frown.
Christ stood king before Pilate: within me
I carry the sceptre and crown.

"Serve God and be cheerful." Make brighter
The brightness that falls to your lot.
The rare or the daily-sent blessing
Profane not with gloom and with doubt.

"Serve God and be cheerful." Live nobly,
Do right, and do good. Make the best
Of the gifts and the work put before you
And to God, without fear, leave the rest.
— *William Newell, D.D.*

GOLDEN THOUGHTS.

Good thoughts are blessed guests, and should be heartily welcomed and much sought after. Like rose-leaves, they give out a sweet smell if laid up in the jar of memory. — *SPURGEON.*

O day of rest! How beautiful, how fair,
How welcome to the weary and the old!
Day of the Lord, as all our days should be!
— *Longfellow.*

All the jarring notes of life
Seem blending in a psalm,
And all the angles of its strife
Slow rounding into calm. — *Whittier.*

You must desire first to become good. That is the first and great end of life. That is what God sent you into the world for. — *Charles Kingsley.*

Make all you can honestly;
Save all you can prudently;
Give all you can possibly.

— *Mottoes of John Wesley.*

Character is what a man is in his inmost thought. — *Dr. Newman.*

No evil dooms us hopelessly, except the evil we love, and desire to continue in, and make no effort to escape from. — *George Eliot.*

Bind together your spare hours by the cord of some definite purpose. — *William M. Taylor.*

Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand. — *Carlyle.*

Every kindness done to others is a step nearer to the life of Christ. — *Dean Stanley.*

When one that was in great anxiety of mind, often wavering between fear and hope, did once humbly prostrate himself in prayer, and said, "Oh, if I knew that I should recover!" he



presently heard within him an answer from God, which said, "If thou didst know it, what wouldst thou do? Do what thou wouldst do then, and thou shalt be safe." — *Thomas à Kempis.*

I would rather be right, than President. — *Henry Clay.*

There is only real failure in life possible; and that is, not to be true to the best one knows. — *Canon Farrar.*

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must forgo yourself one. — *Carter.*

One secret act of self-denial, one sacrifice of inclination to duty, is worth all the mere good thoughts, warm feelings, passionate prayers, in which idle people indulge themselves. — *J. H. Newman.*

I know not where His islands lift
Their fringed palms in air;

I only know I cannot drift
Beyond his love and care.

— *Whittier.*

The fate of the country does not depend on what kind of paper you drop into the ballot-box once a year, but on what kind of man you drop from your chamber into the street every morning. — *Thoreau.*

He doeth much that doeth a thing well. — *Thomas à Kempis.*

When you get into a tight place, and everything goes against you till it seems as if you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that's just the place and time that the tide'll turn. — *Harriet Beecher Stowe.*