

Words of the Wise.

HOPE is the blossom of happiness.

THE Christian life is not knowing nor hearing, but doing.

A MAN that is young in years may be old in honour, if he has lost no time.

GOD'S favour must be sought in time, if we would enjoy it either in time or eternity.

THERE is no right faith in believing what is true unless we believe it because it is true.

THE most dangerous of all flattery is the very common kind that we bestow upon ourselves.

HUMANITY is of all the graces the chiefest when it doesn't know itself to be a grace at all.

THE loud tones in which some people appeal to reason imply that reason is a great distance from them.

VENTURE not to the utmost bounds of even lawful pleasures; the limits of good and evil join.—Fuller.

THE man whose sole ambition is to win applause of the world is sure to be disappointed, whether he wins or loses.

WE may know enough to satisfy ourselves, yet not be able to say enough to silence the cavils of a subtle adversary.

WHEN we would have others to do that which is good, we must act toward them prudently, and tenderly, and give them time.

BE thyself blameless of what thou rebukest. He that cleanses a blot with blotted fingers makes a greater blot.—Quarles.

HAPPY is he who has learned this one thing, to do the plain duty of the moment quickly and cheerfully, whatever it may be.

VIRTUOUS and gracious affections are excited by good society, and Christians warm one another by provoking one another to love and good words.

HANNAH MORE says that there is one single fact that one may oppose to all the wit and argument of infidelity, that no man ever repented of Christianity on his death-bed.

FAITH demonstrates to the eye of the mind the reality of those things that cannot be discerned by the eye of the body. It is the firm assent of the soul to the divine revelation and every part of it, and sets to its seal that God is true.

O LORD JESUS, when we see that Thou hast burst the gates of death, that Thou hast trodden on the neck of sin, that Thou hast broken the head of Satan, that Thou hast led captivity captive, and opened the gates of heaven for believers, we may well sing, "Thou hast a mighty arm."—Spurgeon.

CHRISTIANITY is the true citizenship of the world; and universal peace, and the free exchange of all lands and tribes of their several peculiar goods and gifts are possible only as all are grouped around, and united by, the cross of a common Redeemer and the hope of a common heaven.—Wm. R. Williams.

THERE is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God's; there is no portion of money that is our money, and the rest God's money. It is all His; He made it all, gives it all, and He has simply trusted it to us for His service. A servant has two purses, the master's and his own; but we have only one.—Monod.

All this world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares therein are sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
Ripening with a wondrous power
Till the final harvest hour:
Grant, O Lord of life, that we,
Holy grain and pure may be.
—Dean Alford.

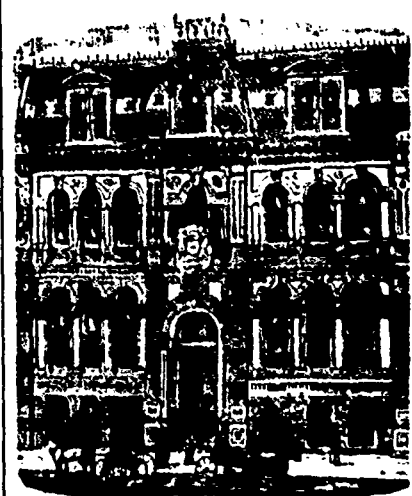
IN all Buddhist temples a tall and broad-leaved lily stands directly on the front of the altar. Its idea is as beautiful as its workmanship. It represents that, just as the pure white flower may grow out of the mire and filth, and blossom into loveliness, so may the heart of man raise itself above the wickedness and corruption of the world into a state of spotless purity.

"I CAN conceive," said Lord Erskine, "a distressed but virtuous man, surrounded by his children, looking up to him for bread when he has none to give them, sinking under his last day's labour, and unequal to the next, yet still supported by confidence in the hour when all tears shall be wiped from the eyes of affliction, bearing the burden laid upon him by a mysterious Providence, which he adores, and anticipating with exultation the revealed promise of his Creator, when he shall be greater than the greatest, and happier than the happiest of mankind."

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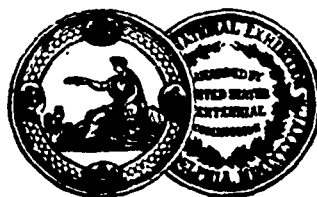
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