

Words of the Wise.

THE credit got by a lie lasts only till the truth comes out.

THY friend has a friend, and thy friend's friend has a friend; be discreet.

IF you turn away from worthy men because they are humbly clad, they can boast that you cut their coat and pantaloons.

PRAYER, also, is no place for compliment, as "We thank thee, O Lord, for the words of thy distinguished servant."—*Dr. Smith.*

FULLER said very beautifully, "He that spends all his life in sport is like one who wears nothing but fringes and eats nothing but sauces."

HE who sports compliments, unless he knows how to make a good aim, may miss his mark and be wounded by the recoil of his own gun.

THERE can be no excuse offered—or none admitted if offered—for the use of slang and slovenly expressions in the house and service of God.—*Standard.*

THERE are parents who give more interested attention and oversight to the grooming of their horses than to the schooling of their children.—*Religious Herald.*

CHRISTIAN faith is a grand cathedral with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory or beauty, nor can possibly imagine any. But standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable beauty and splendors.—*Hawthorne.*

WILLIE, aged ten, and Jemmy, aged six, were playing together. One of them was minutely examining a fly. "I wonder how God made him!" he exclaimed. "God don't make flies as carpenters make things," observed the other boy. "God says, 'Let there be flies, and there is flies.'"

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.*

IT is a high, solemn, almost awful thought for every individual man, that his earthly existence, which has a commencement, will never, through all ages, have an end! The life of every man is as the wellspring of a stream, whose small beginnings are indeed plain to all, but whose course and destination, as it winds through the expanses of infinite years, only the Omnipotent can discern.—*Carlyle.*

How hard it is to feel that the power of life is to be found inside, not outside; in the heart and thoughts, not in the visible actions and show; in the living seed, not in the plant which has not root! How often do men cultivate the garden of their souls just the other way? How often do we try and persevere in trying to make a neat show of outer good qualities, without anything within to correspond, just like children who plant blossoms without any root in the ground to make a pretty show for the hour! We find fault in our lives and we cut off the weed, but we do not root it up; we find something wanting in ourselves, and we supply it not by sowing the Divine seed of a heavenly principle, but by copying the deeds that the principle ought to produce.—*Temple.*

I HAVE no patience with a certain class of Christians now-a-days who will hear anybody preach so long as they can say, "He is very clever—a fine preacher, a man of genius, a born orator!" Is cleverness to make false doctrine palatable? Why, sirs, to me the ability of a man who preaches error is my sorrow rather than my admiration. I cannot endure false doctrine, however neatly it may be put before me. Would you have me eat poisoned meat because the dish is of the choicest ware? It makes me indignant when I hear "another gospel" put before the people with "enticing words," by men who would fain make merchandize of souls, and I marvel at those who have soft words for such deceivers. "That is your bigotry," says one. Call it so, if you like, but it is the bigotry of the loving John, who wrote, "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; for he that bideth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." I would to God we had all more of such decision, for the lack of it is depriving our religious life of its backbone, and substituting for honest manliness a mass of the tremulous jelly of mutual flattery. He who does not hate the false does not love the true, and he to whom it is all the same, whether it be God's word or man's, is himself unrenewed at heart.—*Spurgeon.*

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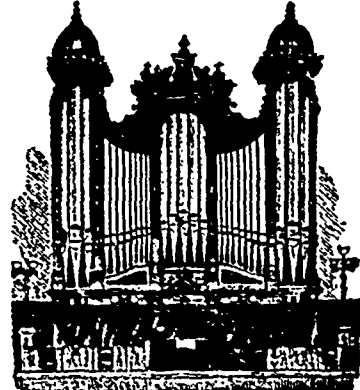
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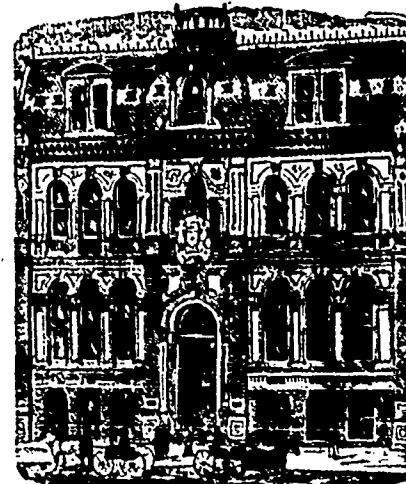
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