

Words of the Wise.

A SANCTIFIED heart is better than a silver tongue.

TRUE souls are made brighter by sorrow. The ocean is most phosphorescent after a storm.

ALL God's providences are but His touches of the strings of the great instrument of the world.—Charnock.

ALL errors spring up in the neighbourhood of some truth; they grow round about it, and for the most part derive their strength from such contiguity.

A ZEALOUS soul, without meekness, is like a ship in a storm, in danger of wreck. A meek soul, without zeal, is like a ship in a calm, that moves not as fast as it ought.

No man can lift himself above the world unless he takes hold of something higher than the world; he cannot lift himself out of himself unless he grasps something higher than himself.

GET your doctrine from the Bible. Get your example from Christ. A day will not pass after you have closed with Christ's promise, ere He will meet you with a counsel. Embrace both.

It was the atmosphere of Elkanah's and Hannah's godly house that produced a Samuel. It was the wretched air of Eli's house which ruined Hophni and Phineas.—Dr. T. L. Cuyler.

He that lacks time to mourn lacks time to mend;

Eternity mourns that 'Tis an ill cure For life's worst ills to have no time to feel them.

—Henry Taylor.

THE blood of Christ knows no bounds to its efficacy. If your sins were as sands by the seashore, innumerable, that ocean can cover them all. If they rose to heaven, like range upon range of Alpine heights, the sky of His love can cover them all.

A MAN who writes an immoral but immortal book may be tracked into eternity by a procession of lost souls from every generation, every one of them a witness against him at the judgment, to shew to him and to the universe the immeasurable dreadfulfulness of his iniquity.—Dr. G. B. Cheever.

My own experience is that the Bible is dull when I am dull. When I am really alive, and set in upon the text with a tidal pressure of living affinities, it opens, it multiplies discoveries, and reveals depths even faster than I can note them. The worldly spirit shuts the Bible; the Spirit of God makes it a fire, flaming out all meanings and glorious truths.—Horace Bushnell.

NOTHING in life has any meaning, except as it draws us further toward God, and presses us more closely to Him. The world is no better than a complication of awkward riddles, or a gloomy storehouse of disquieting mysteries, unless we look at it by the light of this simple truth, that the eternal God is blessedly the last and only end of every soul of man.—F. W. Faber.

It is Christ's grace that renders blessed the house of mourning; and so much is this thought for our souls health, what in order to withdraw us from the world and business of this world, God has appointed the continual round of night, wherein we may be in the grave; darkness, stillness, and solitude. For what is nothing else but the due and necessary preparation for the morning, and that morning is the great morning of the resurrection and the coming of Christ. Let us throughout the night of this world be clothed with Christ, and watching for His return.—Isaac Williams.

BUSINESS men need the presence of Christ in their business to prevent selfishness, to overcome temptation, and to realize the grandeur of the talents God has given them. So they need the worship of the Church, the psalms, the songs, the prayers, the sermons, to vivify their spiritual life. Man's worship is an object of worship he will love. That object must be the King of kings, or his business, or himself. The work he does here in your business, you must leave behind you at death. Will you toil here and become rich, and stand there in poverty and shame? Every man must render an account of the deeds done in the body. My friend, have you to your credit for the final?

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