

Words of the Wise.

A CHRISTIAN is like a statue of glass lighted up within—the smallest flaw is apparent.

SOMEBODY else will, if I don't. This is one of the devil's pet proverbs.—Congregationalist.

"WIN, and wear it!" says Latimer, "is inscribed on the crown of glory which fadeth not away."

WOMEN only can make wine-drinking un-fashionable, and heal the nation of its curse.—J. G. Holland.

THE glory of the Bible and of Christianity is, that it lifts man up to the summit of the universe covered with glory.

LET me, dear Lord, alone rejoice In prayer and grateful praise to Thee; Subdue my heart, attune my voice, And mould me for eternity.

'Tis not for a frail child of dust To breathe a wish before Thy throne; In Thee, in Thee alone, I trust, Then let Thy sacred will be done.

THE most vital and essential thing Jesus came to do was to suffer and to expiate our sins by His death. In due time Christ died for the ungodly. Is it spiritually safe, or is it grateful, to subordinate or obscure this great truth?

PRAYER would be a very dangerous instrument for ignorant, selfish, fallible men to wield, if there were not an Infalible One to refuse to grant mistaken requests. Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.

THE man who has an empty cup may pray, and should pray, that it may be filled; but he that hath a full cup ought to pray that he may hold it firmly. It needs prayer in prosperity, that we may have grace to use it, as truly as it needs prayer in poverty, that we may have grace to bear it.

DR. GLEASON says: "The position of a mother involves the greatest responsibilities and the highest and noblest duties; and if not qualified by thorough physical, mental and moral training and education to discharge these duties properly, hard indeed will be the fate of her unfortunate offspring."

If the Church would have her face shine, she must go up into the mount and be alone with God. If she would have her courts of worship resound with eucharistic praises, she must open her eyes and see humanity lying lame at the temple gates, and heal it in the miraculous name of Jesus.—Bishop Huntington.

MANY Christians cannot fix the precise date of their conversion. The new life came to them as the dawn comes—darkness slowly giving place to steel gray, and the steel gray to silver, and the silver reddened into ruddy gold, and all so quietly and steadily that we could not fix the precise birth moment of the day.

MANY persons make the mistake of supposing that infidel writings die because they are not widely sold in the form in which first issued. They sow seeds which reappear in new forms of literature from generation to generation. A bad book lives after it is dead; it lives in its progeny.—Sunday School Times.

FORGETFULNESS is one of the broad ways of sin. A ship can be lost by carelessness as well as by design. The evils of life come mainly through inattention. If I mind not, I find not. Souls are lost at no cost. Every man has a weak side; but a wise man knows where it is, and will keep a double guard there.—John Reid.

THE great basis of Christian effort is love to Christ and deep sympathy for those one longs to save. Jesus stands before the ages in the most wonderfully loving attitude to men. As we see Him yearning over the world our hearts also must yearn with His, and our lives like His be poured out for the salvation of our fellows.

"If washed in Jesus' blood, Then bear His likeness too, And as you onward press With 'What would Jesus do?'"

"Give with a full, free hand— God freely gives to you— And check each selfish thought With 'What would Jesus do?'"

—Frances Kidley Habington.

It is wonderful how men change to a changed heart! Being ennobled ourselves we see noble things, and loving find out love. Little touches of courage, of goodness, of love in men, which formerly looking for perfection we passed by, now attract us like flowers beside a dusty highway. We take them as keys to the character, and door after door flies open to us.—Stepford Brooks.

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