

Words of the Wise.

THE apple falls near the tree.—Spanish Proverb.

By the error of others the wise man corrects his own.

It is only in this life that we can win souls for Christ.—E. M. Bruce.

LIFE, like the waters of the sea, freshens only when it ascends towards heaven.—Richter.

THERE is nothing so strong or safe in an emergency of life as the simple truth.—Dickens.

We must love the Lord, if we would learn to serve Him and win others to Him.—Dr. W. Ormiston.

I HAVE discovered the philosopher's stone that turns everything into gold. It is—'Pay as you go.'—John Randolph.

THOUGH an archer shoot not so high as he aims, yet the higher he takes his aim, the higher he shoots.—Leighton.

THE life of man consists not in seeing visions and dreaming dreams, but in active charity and willing service.—Longfellow.

My greatest sorrows are those of my own heart. Outward troubles serve rather to steady than to disconcert me.—Rev. G. Paul.

"Do you feel that you love Christ?" was asked of an aged and dying Christian. "Better than that," was the reply, "Christ loves me."

THE Lord's Prayer is not, as some fancy, the easiest, the most natural of all devout utterances. It may be committed to memory quickly, but it is slowly learnt by heart.—Maurice.

A SANGUIFIED soul is offered up to God in the flames of love, upon Christ, the altar. Paul gave up in some by his preaching, not to keep them to himself, but to offer them up to God.

THE world goes up and the world goes down, And the sunshine follows the rain, And yesterday's sneer and yesterday's frown, Can never come over again.

Charles Kingsley.

LOVE never exhausts itself by giving. The more we love others and seek to do them good, the more power and good we have to give them. The more we love, the larger our hearts become.

A COTTAGE will not hold the bulky furniture and sumptuous accommodations of a mansion; but if God be there, a cottage will hold as much happiness as might stock a palace.—James Hamilton.

GOD is within all things, but is shut up in nothing; outside all things, but excluded from nothing; beneath all things, but not depressed under anything; above all things, but not lifted up out of the reach of anything.—Augustine.

"GOD looks not at the oratory of your prayers, how eloquent they are; nor at their geometry, how long they are; nor at their arithmetic, how many they are; nor at their logic, how methodical they are; but He looks at their sincerity, how spiritual they are."

MERE reasoning never convinced a single doubter, because the devil in our hearts is always ready with a sophism or a cavil in answer to our best judgment. Reason cannot grasp the infinite, or discern the spiritual. But, where we adore God, reason becomes faith.

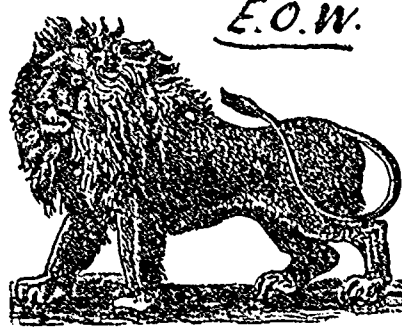
NOTHING so clearly proves that we are not of the world as having our "conversation in heaven"—not necessarily of heaven, but constantly manifesting unworldliness of spirit. Our "speech betrayeth" us, and shows where our thoughts love to dwell, and what are the fountains of our emotions.

OUT of the soil in which deciduous leaves are buried, the young tree shoots vigorously, and strikes its roots deep down into the realms of decay and death. Upon the life of the vegetable world the myriad forms of higher life sustain themselves—still the same law, the sacrifice of life for life.—F. W. Robertson.

THERE is need of prayer similar to that made by an old coloured woman who, praying for one who had been guilty of slander, said: "O Lord, won't you be kind enough to take the door of his mouth off, and when you put it on again, just hang it on the gospel hinges of peace on earth and good will to men?" Amen.

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