

GEMS FROM DRUMMOND.

"As a mere spectacle, the universe to-day discloses a beauty so transcendent that he who disciplines himself to scientific work, finds it an overwhelming reward simply to behold it."

"The temporal is the husk and framework of the eternal, and thoughts can be uttered only through things."

"It is the want of the discerning faculty, the clairvoyant power of seeing the eternal in the temporal, rather than the failure of reason, that begets the skeptic."

The facts of the spiritual world are as real to thousands as the facts of the natural world, and more real to hundreds.

"With the demonstration of the naturalness of the supernatural, skepticism even may come to be regarded as unscientific."

"At the beginning of the natural life, we find the law that natural life can only come from pre-existing natural life; and at the beginning of the spiritual life we find that the spiritual life can only come from pre-existing spiritual life."

"The sovereign will which sways the sceptre of the spiritual empire must be granted a right of freedom, that freedom which by putting it into our wills He surely teaches us to honor in His."

"The religion of Jesus has probably always suffered more from those who have misunderstood, than from those who have opposed it."

"No organic change, no modification of environment, no mental energy, no moral effort, no evolution of character, no progress of civilization can endow any single human soul with the attribute of spiritual life."

"There is no spontaneous generation in religion any more than in nature."

"Localization of life in the individual is precisely the point where vitality differs from the other forces of nature, such as magnetism and electricity."

"Life is not one of the homeless forces which promiscuously inhabits space, or which can be gathered like electricity from the clouds, and dissipated back again into space. Life is definite and resident; and spiritual life is not a visit from a force, but a resident tenant in the soul."

"Spiritual life alone gives the soul power to utilize temptation and trial; and without it they destroy the soul."

"Violent efforts to grow are right in ear-

nestness, but wholly wrong in principle. Consider the lilies how they grow."

"Manuals of devotion, giving rules for getting on in the Christian life, would do well to return to the simplicity of nature, so that earnest souls may not attempt sanctification by struggle, instead of sanctification by faith."

"The Christian works from the centre, the moralist from the circumference."

"The end of salvation is perfection, the Christ-like mind, character and life."

"When men forget the true principle of growth, they make the church into a workshop, when God meant it to be a beautiful garden."

"Are we against good works, watchfulness, diligence? No! Much work is done on board a ship crossing the Atlantic, but none of it is spent on making the ship go. Keep yourself in true position toward God, that is the main thing."

"Hold yourself in position before God's Spirit, and then all the energies of omnipotence will course within the soul."

"What is the creed of the Agnostic, but the confession of the Spiritual numbers of of humanity?"

"If I correspond with the world's environment, I become worldly; if I correspond with God, I become Divine!"

"Man's spiritual life consists in the number and fulness of his correspondence with God."

"The whole cross is more easily carried than the half. It is the man who tries to make the best of both works who makes nothing of either."

"It takes the divine to know the divine, but in no more mysterious sense than it takes the human to understand the human."

"What soul will seek to remain self-luminous when it know that 'the Lord God is a Sun!' Who will not willingly exchange his shallow vessel for Christ's well of living water?"

"Learn of me, says the philosopher, and you shall find restlessness. Learn of Me, says Christ, and ye shall find rest."

"Salvation is not mere safety, to be forgiven sin, to evade the curse. It is not vaguely to 'get to heaven.' It is to be conformed to the image of the Son."

"The faculty of selecting truth at first hand and appropriating it for one's self is a lawful possession to every Christian."