

B E G E N T L E .

Violence ever defeats its own ends. When you cannot drive, you always persuade. Few people will submit to coercion. A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile, can work wonders and accomplish miracles. There is a secret pride in every human heart that revolts at tyranny. You may order and drive an individual, but you cannot make him respect you. In the domestic circle especially, kind words and looks are most essential to connubial felicity. Children should never be spoken to harshly. It does them no good. If they commit a fault they should be corrected for it in a mild but firm manner, and the impression it makes upon them is sure to prove salutary.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST PRIDE.

Remember what thou wert before thy birth.—Nothing. What thou wert for many years after.—Weakness. What in all thy life.—A great sinner. What in all thy excellencies.—A mere debtor to God, to thy parents, to the earth, to all the creatures. Upon these, and the like meditations, if we dwell, and frequently retire to them, we shall see nothing more reasonable than to be humble, and nothing more foolish than to be proud.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

OUR DUTY TO GOD.

Fear God for his power ; trust him for his wisdom ; love him for his goodness ; praise him for his greatness ; believe him for his faithfulness ; and adore him for his holiness.—*Leighton.*

MAXIMS ON INDUSTRY.

A busy man is troubled with but one devil, but the idle man with thousand.—*A Turkish proverb.*

Men are usually tempted by the devil, but the idle man positively tempts the devil.—*A Spanish proverb.*

How much corrupting company, how many temptations to do wrong, how many seasons of danger to your character and to the peace of your friends, would you escape, by forming the habit of being steadily industrious every day ?—*Todd.*

Diligence in employments of less consequence is the most successful introduction to greater enterprises.