

Words of the Wise.

THERE is nothing terrible in death but that our life hath made it so.—*Matthew Henry.*

FAITH is the soul's trust in Jesus as our salvation. It ought to bring a delightful sense of security.

LET friendship creep gently to a height; if it rushes to it, it may soon run itself out of breath.—*Fuller.*

THAT was a good prayer of the old deacon: "Lord, make us willing to run on little errands for Thee."

THE infidel Arab said, "I will loose my camel and trust in God." The man of faith says, "I will tie my camel and trust in God."

Let us be content in work,
To do the thing we can, and not presume
To fret because it's little.

—*Mrs. Browning.*

As a countenance is made beautiful by the soul's shining through it, so the world is beautiful by the shining through it of God.—*Jacobi.*

A HEART divided between God and man, though it may trim the matter so as to appear plausible, will, in the day of its discovery, be found guilty.

It is not sufficient that we have some doctrinal knowledge of Christ, or that we make a profession of faith in Him, but we must hearken to His word and obey him.

ALL who are savingly converted are called by the grace of God; their conversion is the effect of His good pleasure concerning them, and is effected by His power and grace in them.

JACOB's heart was never so full of joy as when his head lay hardest. God is often most present with us in our greatest dejections, and loves to give comfort to those who are forsaken of their hopes.

THE joys of the world bring sorrow, but the sorrows of repentance are full of joy. If it be bitter anguish to know that we are sinners, is it not unspeakable joy to know that we are saved by grace?

CHRIST is an inhabitant in the soul of every good Christian. Where His Spirit dwells, there He dwells; and He dwells in the heart by faith—by means of the continual exercise of faith upon Him.

It would be of great use for the discovery and confirmation of the truth, if the disciples of Christ would compare their observations and experiences, and communicate to each other what they know and have felt in themselves.

THERE are men in the world who wear a girdle of fret, as trying as any friar's to annoy themselves. They fancy that in such experience is to be found the highest fulfilment of religious duty, and the truest expression of this world's probation.—*Rev. Stephen H. Tyng.*

It ought to be the great care of every one of us to follow the Lord fully. We must follow Him universally, without dividing; uprightly, without dissembling; cheerfully, without disputing; constantly, without declining; and this is following Him fully.—*M. Henry.*

Little crosses, little cares,
Little things that give us pain,
As we bear them ill or well,
Turn to endless loss or gain.

Little trials now may bring
Golden lessons to the heart,
Which, perhaps, in after-years,
Sterner sorrows must impart.

—*Countess of Rothes.*

THOSE who have been kept faithful in great trials for the time past, have reason to hope that the same grace will be sufficient to help them still to live by faith, till they receive the end of their faith and patience, even the salvation of their souls. If we live by faith, and die by faith, our souls are safe forever.

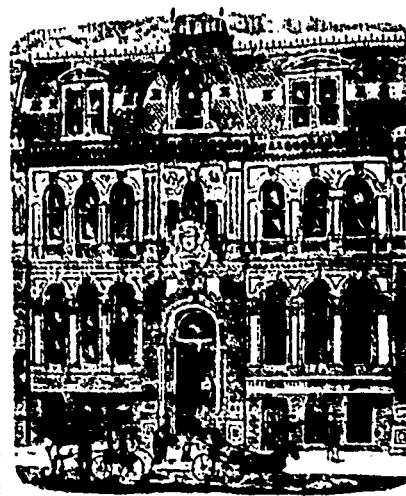
EVERY real and searching effort at self-improvement is of itself a lesson of profound humility. For we cannot move a step without learning and feeling the waywardness, the weakness, the vacillation of our movements, or without desiring to be set upon the Rock that is higher than ourselves.—*W. E. Gladstone.*

THE source, or motive, of giving to God, and the purpose to which the money given is to be applied, are entirely distinct. The purpose should never serve as the motive. Men are not to give because money is necessary. They are to give simply because giving is necessary. And giving is necessary for the sake of the giver. It is for the giver's own benefit that God expects him to give.—*Churchman.*

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