

Words of the Wise.

THE PAST.

The past—forget it, 'tis with God;  
He'll bless it unto thee,  
'Twill work together for thy good;  
God's mercy thou shalt see.

Oh, blessed thought, to reach before,  
Forgetting all the past!  
Only trusting nothing more,  
And reaching heaven at last.

—Cora Johnson.

THE unpardonable sin is to be hard on a tender child.—*Collyer.*

He who talks but little may be suspected of knowing more than he says.

Sow good services; sweet remembrances may grow from them.—*Almeida Stuart.*

WE carry all our neighbours' crimes in sight and throw all our own over our shoulder.

NEVER stoop to do or say anything that is beneath the dignity of the character to which you aspire.

CONFIDENCE is an excellent wearing quality. It has been called the bright jewel of the heart.—*Samuel Smiles.*

NO man will desire no more than what he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and live upon contentedly.

CONQUER thyself. Till thou hast done that thou art a slave; for it is almost as well to be in subjection to another's appetite as thy own.—*Burton.*

MAKE a journey every day to three mountains. Go to Sinai and see your sins; go to Calvary and behold the Lamb of God; go to Zion and view the heavenly city.

NOTHING so increases reverence for others as a great sorrow to one's self. It teaches one the depths of human nature. In happiness we are shallow and deem others so.—*Charles Dutton.*

JOSEPH who strive for uniformity, instead of union, among Christians, need not wonder at the small success of their efforts. Christ has no sympathy with them, nor ever prayed for their success.—*Schausler.*

IT is a duty to live and to make our lives count upon as many points as possible. If we rightly think of this we will also think of our responsibility in the way of so providing that our touch will be beneficent.

THERE is many a wounded heart without a contrite spirit. The ice may be broken into a thousand pieces—it is ice still; but expose it to the beams of the Sun of Righteousness, and then it will melt.—*Middleton.*

IT seems so natural for the child of God to put up with the words: "I thank Thee, Father, for every time anything affects him pleasantly, it is in this way that we keep the channels of prayer, as it were, worn smooth so that it is easy to roll the heavy burden from our souls."

It is more consistent with faith than to acknowledge naked of all virtue, that we may be clothed by God; empty of all good, that we may be filled by Him; slaves to sin, that we may be liberated by Him; blind, that we may be enlightened by Him; lame, that we may be guided by Him; weak, that we may be supported by Him; to divest ourselves of all ground of glorying, that He alone may be eminent and glorious, and that we may glorify in Him.—*Calvin.*

THE world has a great many servants, and they are not only very busy, and "desperately wicked," but "deceitful above all things." They are so deceitful that they often make children, and grown-up people too, think they are their servants. And none of them are worse or more deceiving or do more harm than these four, whose names we give:

1. THERE IS NO DANGER.  
2. ONLY THIS ONCE.  
3. EVERYBODY DOES SO.  
4. BY-AND-BY.

EVERY man and stroke of missionary power on earth is from the heart of Christ. He sows, and there is harvest. He sows nations, and there are harvests. He sows not only civilized by His light, but sanctified by His love. The isles of the ocean wait for Him. He spreads His net and gathers of every kind, and lo! the burden of the sea is not only lifted, but fishermen who go and gather come again. If there are activity, free gifts, ready-going, a full treasury, able men who say, "Here am I, send me," it is because through all the organization Christ lives and His personal Spirit works. There is no other possible spring for that enthusiasm.—*Bishop Huntington.*

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