

GREAT THOUGHTS IN LITTLE PARCELS

FOR THERE IS A TRUE CHURCH WHEREVER
ONE HAND MEETS ANOTHER HELPFULLY, AND
THAT IS THE ONLY HOLY OR MOTHER CHURCH,
WHICHEVER WAS OR EVER SHALL BE.—RUSKIN.

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

—Francis W. Bourdillon.

What to Learn

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to attend strictly to your own business—a very important point.

Learn to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick-room.

Learn the art of saying kind and encouraging things, especially to the young.

Learn to avoid all ill-natured remarks, and everything calculated to create friction.

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop grunting. If you cannot see any good in this world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have earache, headache, or rheumatism.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.—Christian Life.

On a sun-dial which stands upon the pier at Brighton is inscribed the most hopeful line, "'Tis always morning somewhere in the world."

Why a Woman Was Made of a Rib

A young lady having asked a surgeon why woman was made from the rib of man in preference to any other bone, he gave the following gallant answer:

"She was not taken from the head lest she would rule over him; nor from his feet, lest he should trample upon her; but she was taken from his side, that she might be his equal; from under his arm, that he might protect her; from near his heart that he might cherish and love her."

To do good for the sake of the profit we will gain is not kindness, but commerce.

What is best for the individual is best for society.

This country belongs to the people who inhabit it.

The purposes of the Almighty are perfect, and must prevail, though we erring mortals may fail accurately to perceive them in advance.

Don't kick a down dog; he may be up some time. Anyway, it won't do you any good to increase his suffering.

The early bird gets the worm—if he is sharp enough to see it, and decisive enough to take hold of it and keep his hold.

Many a man has failed because he backed up in the traces just at the time that a good, strong pull would have placed him on the top of the hill.

Be persistent; and with your persistency use your head. The man who succeeds must not only persist in attention to his work, but he must make every move count; that means accomplishment, which is success and it has often been said, "nothing succeeds like success."

A Retort Turkish

The following we take to be of Turkish origin:

'As a woman was walking, a man looked at and followed her.

"'Why,' said she, 'do you follow me?'"

"'Because,' he replied, 'I have fallen in love with you.'"

"'Why so? My sister, who is coming after me, is much handsomer than I am. Go and make love to her.'"

"The man turned back, and saw a woman with an ugly face, and being greatly disgusted, returned and said:

"'Why should you tell me a falsehood?'"

"The woman answered, 'Neither did you tell me the truth; for, if you were in love with me, why did you look back for another woman?'"

It was truly said of one who was "struggling against the tide" that an excellent shoemaker had been spoiled to make a very poor preacher; and in different ways a similar charge may be brought against many who refuse to do what they can do well in the desire to do something which they deem of a higher grade.

Instead of shunning difficulty, we should court it; instead of rejoicing in an easy life, we should be afraid of it. We must continually seek for new and harder achievements if we would make the most of ourselves and become stronger and nobler men and women.

Absence of Occupation.—Nothing opens so wide a door to vice, to crime, to evil habits of every description, as the absence of occupation. The downward course of many a promising youth, the ruin of many a hopeful life, may be distinctly traced to the void caused by having nothing definite and positive to do. The faculties must be active, the energies must be at work, and if not employed for good they will be for evil.

In every occupation of life it is the man who has thoroughly mastered every detail of his business who gets to the top. The mastery of details embraces not only knowledge of methods, but the reasons for certain procedures and the causes which lead to effects.



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