

Gleanings.

THE Christian life is not knowing nor hearing, but doing.

A MAN that is young in years may be old in honour, if he has lost no time.

GOD'S favour must be sought in time, if we would enjoy it either in time or eternity.

THERE is no right faith in believing what is true unless we believe it because it is true.

THE most dangerous of all flattery is the very common kind that we bestow upon ourselves.

HUMANITY is of all the graces the chiefest when it doesn't know itself to be a grace at all.

THE loud tones in which some people appeal to reason imply that reason is a great distance from them.

VENTURE not to the utmost bounds of even lawful pleasures; the limits of good and evil join.—*Fuller.*

THE man whose sole ambition is to win applause of the world is sure to be disappointed, whether he wins or loses.

WE may know enough to satisfy ourselves, yet not be able to say enough to silence the cavils of a subtle adversary.

WHEN we would have others to do that which is good, we must act toward them prudently, and tenderly, and give them time.

BE thyself blameless of what thou rebukest. He that cleanses a blot with blotted fingers makes a greater blot.—*Quarles.*

HAPPY is he who has learned this one thing, to do the plain duty of the moment quickly and cheerfully, whatever it may be.

VIRTUOUS and gracious affections are excited by good society, and Christians warm one another by provoking one another to love and good words.

HANNAH MORE says that there is one single fact that one may oppose to all the wit and argument of infidelity, that no man ever repented of Christianity on his death-bed.

IF a man have a thought which will bless the world, but which he selfishly withholds, he is an enemy to his race. And so small and yet so great as this is the difference between the benefactor and the wrong-doer.

FAITH demonstrates to the eye of the mind the reality of those things that cannot be discerned by the eye of the body. It is the firm assent of the soul to the divine revelation and every part of it, and sets to its seal that God is true.

AS even the sparrows are not over-looked by our Heavenly father, so nothing, whether good or ill, ever happens to His children without His provident care and will, and all the things are surely working out in the end, the highest good they will permit.

FLATTER not thyself in thy faith to God, if thou wantest charity for thy neighbour; and think not thou hast charity for thy neighbour, if thou wantest faith in God—when they are both wanting; they are both dead, if once divided.

EVEN our natural love of destruction can be changed into a love of creation. Look at Paul. He wanted to destroy the Christian Church, but God changed his nature, and killed the old lion in him, and "out of the eater came forth meat."—*Dr. Richard Newton.*

O LORD JESUS, when we see that Thou hast burst the gates of death, that Thou hast trodden on the neck of sin, that Thou hast broken the head of Satan, that Thou hast led captivity captive, and opened the gates of heaven for believers, we may well sing, "Thou hast a mighty arm."—*Spurgeon.*

CHRISTIANITY is the true citizenship of the world; and universal peace, and the free exchange of all lands and tribes of their several peculiar goods and gifts are possible only as all are grouped around, and united by, the cross of a common Redeemer and the hope of a common heaven.—*Wm. R. Williams.*

THERE is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God's; there is no portion of money that is our money, and the rest God's money. It is all His; He made it all, gives it all, and He has simply trusted it to us for His service. A servant has two purses, the master's and his own; but we have only one.—*Adonai.*

PRACTICAL Christianity is no sanctuary sensation, no Sabbath-day service. It is the conscientious discharge of all duty, with a desire therein to honour Jehovah. It makes the whole world a temple and the whole life a priesthood, "eating and drinking, and doing all things to the glory of God."

FOR a long time I felt myself to be a lost sheep, not knowing on whom to rely; and now, with the deepest consciousness that I have at last attained rest, I exclaim, "The Lord is my shepherd; what is there that can harm me?" And as I look forward into the future, I exclaim with David, "I shall not want."—*Aug. Tholuck.*

WE are opposed to enlarging the list of holy days, because we believe that the creation or acceptance of other such days besides the Sabbath tends—we speak in the light of the history of them—to weaken the sense of obligation to observe the Sabbath, and to reduce all such days to the character of holidays.—*Methodist.*

TO him whom the science of nature delights, every object brings new proof of the existence of a Deity, and everything that proves this gives cause for admiration. If he lifts his eyes to the clouds, finds he not the heavens full of wonders? If he looks down to the earth, does not the worm proclaim a Maker? Could less than Omnipotence have formed and framed these things?

"THROUGH flood and flames, if Jesus leads, I'll follow where He goes." We like to hear you sing that; but how about making up to that neighbour to whom you have not spoken for some time, and how about your failing to pay what you promised the pastor? And then, too, how much have you given to missions within twelve months?—*Religious Herald.*

All this world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield; Wheat and tares therein are sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown; Ripening with a wondrous power Till the final harvest hour: Grant, O Lord of life, that we, Holy grain and pure may be.—*Dean Alford.*

IN all Buddhist temples a tall and broad-leaved lily stands directly on the front of the altar. Its idea is as beautiful as its workmanship. It represents that, just as the pure white flower may grow out of the mire and filth, and blossom into loveliness, so may the heart of man raise itself above the wickedness and corruption of the world into a state of spotless purity.

"I CAN conceive," said Lord Erskine, "a distressed but virtuous man, surrounded by his children, looking up to him for bread when he has none to give them, sinking under his last day's labour, and unequal to the next, yet still supported by confidence in the hour when all tears shall be wiped from the eyes of affliction, bearing the burden laid upon him by a mysterious Providence, which he adores, and anticipating with exultation the revealed promise of his Creator, when he shall be greater than the greatest, and happier than the happiest of mankind."

AS I stood musing at a window, I saw a fly upon it, and made a brush with my hand to catch it. When I opened my hand the fly was not inside, but still in the same place on the glass. Scarcely thinking what I did I made another brush with my hand, and thought that I had captured the insect, but with the same result. There was the victim quietly retaining his place in spite of me. It was on the other side of the glass. When I saw it was so, I smiled at my folly. Those who attempt to find pleasure outside of Christ will experience a like failure, for they are seeking on the wrong side of the glass.—*Spurgeon.*

MINISTERS make a great mistake when they introduce into their sermons and speeches language that is indelicate. Sometimes, for the sake of the supposed wit they contain, they relate stories that are coarse and offensive, or make use of illustrations that are immodest. Worse than this, they may so far forget themselves on special occasions, when the license is supposed to be unusual, as to be indecent. But they make a mistake—because it is in bad taste and is dishonouring to their culture and profession; and because the people whom they ought to be most anxious to please are offended by their grotesqueness. The applause of a few "lewd fellows of the baser sort" is a poor compensation for the withdrawal of their good opinion by those who are pure and respectable.

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