

**Words of the Wise.**

IN the matter of converting a soul to God all human power is reduced to zero.

A LIFE of carnal ease, a death of stupor, and an eternity of horror, are closely allied.

THE excesses of our youth are drafts upon our old age, payable with interest, about thirty years after date.

TO be covetous of applause discovers a slender merit, and self-conceit is the ordinary attendant of ignorance.

THE greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice; and her constant companion humanity.

ALL sects are different, because they come from men; morality is everywhere the same, because it comes from God.

TO become an able man in any profession whatever, three things are necessary—capacity, study and practice.

JOHN STUART MILL says all reforms "have to pass through three stages—ridicule, argument and adoption."

ONE great reason why the work of reformation goes so slowly is because we all of us begin on our neighbours, and never reach ourselves.

DAILY intercourse with a cultivated mind is the best method to rivet, refine and polish the hoarded gems of knowledge.—Mrs. L. H. Sigourney.

THERE should be, methinks, as little merit in loving a woman for her beauty as in loving a man for his prosperity, both being equally subject to change.

A MAN should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday.

TRUTH is a naked and open daylight, that doth not shew the masks and mummeries of the world half so stately and daintily as candle-lights.

SPEAKING of dancing, a clergyman hits the nail on the head with the remark that "people usually do more evil with their tongues than with their toes."

THERE is something charming in nature and rural life. It is so natural, so pure, so unalloyed by the manœuvring, the hypocrisy, the turmoil of social existence.

WE should act with as much energy as those who expect everything for themselves; and we should pray with as much earnestness as those who expect everything from God.

Do little things as if they were great, because of the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ, who dwells in thee; and do great things as if they were little and easy, because of His omnipotence.—Pascal.

PRESERVE your conscience always soft and sensitive. If but one sin force its way into the tender part of the soul and is suffered to dwell there, the road is paved with a thousand more iniquities.

"FOR my thoughts are not your thoughts." I have always seen God justify Himself in the long run; I am continually discovering that I misunderstood Him, and murmured when He was kindest.—Lacordaire.

WHAT WILL PEOPLE SAY?—This question makes the mind homeless. Do right and fear no one: thou mayst be sure that with all thy consideration for the world thou wilt never satisfy the world. But if thou goest straight forward on thy way, not concerning thyself with the friendly or unfriendly glances of men, then thou hast conquered the world, and it is subject to thee. By heeding the question "What will people say?" then thou becomest subject to the world.—Auerbach.

WHO can tell the value of a smile? It costs the giver nothing, but is beyond price to the erring and relenting, the sad and cheerless, the lost and forsaken. It disarms malice, subdues temper, turns hatred to love, revenge to kindness, paves the darkest paths with gems of sunlight. A smile on the brow betrays a kind heart, a pleasant friend, an affectionate brother, a dutiful son, a happy husband. It adds a charm to beauty, it decorates the face of the deformed, and makes a lovely woman resemble an angel in Paradise.

TO me there is something almost pathetic in the sight of a young girl standing on the threshold of the world, so innocent and hopeful, so ignorant of all that lies before her, and usually so ill-prepared to meet the ups and downs of life. We do our duty better by the boys; but the poor little women are seldom provided with any armour worth having; and, sooner or later, they are sure to need it, for every one must fight her own battle, and only the brave and strong can win.—From "Rose in Bloom," by Louisa M. Alcott.

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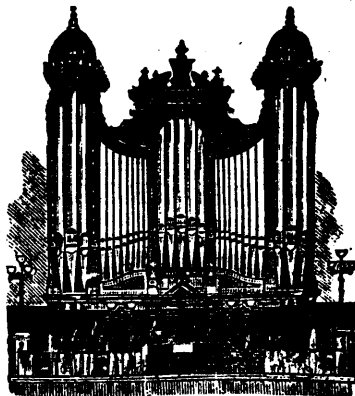
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