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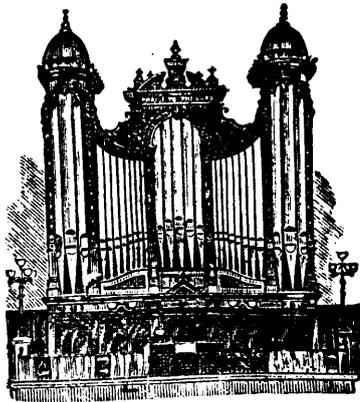
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THE sweetest life is to be ever making sacrifices for Christ; the hardest life a man can lead on earth, the most full of misery, is to be always doing his own will and seeking to please himself.—Edward Bickersteth.

THE damps of autumn sink into the leaves and prepare them for the necessity of their fall; and thus insensibly are we, as years close round us, detached from our tenacity of life by the gentle pressure of recorded sorrow.—Lansdor.

THE fountain of content must spring up in the mind, and he who has so little knowledge of human nature as to seek happiness by changing anything but his own disposition will waste his life in fruitless efforts, and multiply griefs which he proposes to remove.

"**MALEVOLENCE** is misery." Every one who hates another without cause is exhibiting in himself the character and conduct of Satan. Happy they who wipe the falling tear—who feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick! Happy they who joy in the joy of others.

WHAT are you doing to make this world purer, holier, happier? If nothing, then better had you never been born. If a little, be it ever so little, then you are a fellow-worker with God. He despises not the co-operation and assistance of the weakest child.

IT is one of the proofs of the indestructible religious nature of man that it is easier to rob him of his liberty than of his conscience, even though it be a superstitious one; easier to despoil him of his goods than of his gods, though he would so often gain by the loss; easier to enslave his body than to coerce his mind.—Henry Rogers.

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