

Words of the Wise.

HOLY GROUND.

Not as in ancient story Doth lush of flame, The ever-present glory And love proclaim. By unseen ministrations That love is shown; By holiest inspirations Its presence known. He ours to heed each blessing God's love has crowned, With unshod footsteps pressing The holy ground—

Where 'mid life's lowliest duty Doth walketh still, Transforming toil to beauty By His dear will.

ONLY.

It was only a blossom, Just the merest bit of bloom, But it brought a glimpse of summer To the little darkened room.

It was only a glad "good morning," As she passed along the way; But it spread the morning's glory Over the livelong day.

Only a song; but the music, Though simply pure and sweet, Brought back to better pathways The reckless roving feet.

"Only!" In our blind wisdom How dare we say at all? Since the ages alone can tell us Which is the great or small.

FAITH is letting down our nets into the untransparent deeps at the divine command, not knowing what we shall take.—Faber.

THIS is one of the sad conditions of life, that experience is not transmissible. No man will profit from the sufferings of another; he must suffer himself; each must bear his own burden.—G. H. Lewis.

EVERY kindly word and feeling, every good deed and thought, every noble action and impulse is like the ark-sent dove, and returns from the troubled waters of life, bearing a green olive branch to the soul.

USED are the ears that gladly receive the pulses of the divine whisper. Blessed indeed are those ears that listen, not after the noise that sounds without, but for the faint whisper that sounds inwardly.—Thomas A' Kempis. Our lives are like some complicated machine, working on one side of a wall, and delivering the finished fabric on the other. We cannot cross the barrier and see the end. The work is in our hands—the completion is not.

THERE is dew in one flower and not in another because one opens its cup and takes it in, while the other closes itself and the drop runs off. So God rains goodness and mercy as wide as the dew; and if we lack them, it is because we will not open our hearts to receive them.

HUMANITY is peculiar to Christianity. Goodness is admired and taught in all religions. But to be good, and feel that your good is nothing; to advance and become more conscious of pollution; to ripen all excellence, and like corn to bend the head when full of ripe and ripening grain—that is Christianity.—Robertson.

We all enter our daily deeds to the music of a grateful heart, and seek to round our lives in its hymn—the melody of which will be recognized by all who come in contact with us, and the power of which shall not be evanescent like the voice of the singer, but perennial, like the music of the spheres.—William M. Taylor.

It is well to find out, if we can, what is the doctrinal minimum of our religion; but doctrinal minimum is not good foundations for sermons. It is the fulness of the Gospel that needs to be preached. And there is one thing in the world drier than "dry doctrines," and that is religious philosophizing emptied of doctrine.—Literary World.

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