

ARROWS SHOT AT A VENTURE.

The Three Wishes.—The apostle Paul had three wishes—that he might be *found* in Christ, that he might be *with* Christ, and that he might *magnify* Christ.—*Luther.*

Heavenly-mindedness.—We should carry up our affections to the mansions prepared for us above, where eternity is the measure, felicity is the state, angels are the company, the Lamb is the light, and God is the portion and inheritance of his people for evermore.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

The Atonement.—The atonement of the cross is not so much a member of the body of the Christian doctrine, as the life-blood that runs through the whole of it. There is not an important truth but what is presupposed by it, included in it, or arises out of it; nor any part of practical religion but what hangs upon it.—*Andrew Fuller.*

Faith.—Faith is the trust of the mind for the blessing of justification, upon the obedience and death of the Son of God; and the ground of this trust is, the excellence of the Saviour's work, and the worth and glory of Him who suffered.

Defective Religion.—A religion that never suffices to govern a man, will never suffice to save him; that which does not sufficiently distinguish him from a wicked world, will never distinguish him from a perishing world.—*Howe.*

Afflictions.—Sanctified afflictions are like so many artificers, working on a pious man's crown to make it more bright and massive.—*Cudworth.*

Grace and Glory.—Grace and glory are one and the same thing in a different print, in a smaller and greater letter. Glory lies couched and compacted in grace, as the beauty of a flower lies couched and concealed in the seed.—*Bishop Hopkins.*

Peace.—The peace which Christ gives is infinitely more valuable than that which the world gives. The world's peace begins in ignorance, consists with sin, and ends in endless troubles. Christ's peace begins in grace, consists with no allowed sin, and ends at length in everlasting peace.—*M. Henry.*

Prosperity and Adversity.—Let prosperity be as oil to the wheels of obedience, and affliction as wind to the sails of prayer.—*Philip Henry.*

The Strait Gate.—The strait gate of religion is wide enough to admit any penitent sinner, but too narrow to admit of any sin.—*Howells.*