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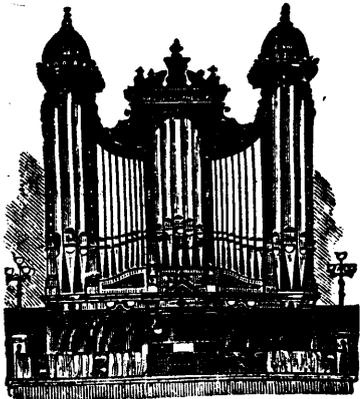
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Do little things as if they were great, because of the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ, who dwells in thee; and do great things as if they were little and easy, because of His omnipotence.—*Pascal.*

THE saddest, the most pathetic utterances, are the utterances of men who with the furthest and subtlest reach of thought grasp only negatives. A man can no more live on negatives than he can live on stones; a negative creed is the creed of death.—*Prof. Borden P. Bowne.*

WE cannot hasten Christ's coming. "Of the day and the hour knoweth none." But the kingdom of God is as a grain of mustard seed—we can sow of it; it is as a foam globe of leaven—we can mingle it; and its glory and its joy are that even the birds of the air can lodge in the branches thereof.—*John Ruskin.*

HAVE you ever observed how entirely devoid is the Lord's prayer of any material which can tempt subtle self-inspection in the act of devotion? It is full of an outflow of thought and of emotion towards great objects of desire, great necessities and great perils. "After this manner, therefore, pray ye."—*Prof. Austin Phelps.*

THE earnest men are so few in the world that their very earnestness becomes at once the badge of their nobility; and as men in a crowd instinctively make room for one who seems eager to force his way through it, so mankind everywhere open their ranks to one who rushes toward some object lying beyond them.—*President Dwight.*

THE sentinel picketed to watch the enemy does his duty by giving the alarm if the enemy approaches—not by advancing single-handed to the conflict. So the duty of a Christian, watchfully discerning the approach of temptation, is to convey the case to God; it is foolhardiness to adventure into the combat unaided and unprovided for.—*Budington.*

No Christian, though the poorest and humblest, ever need despair of doing a noble work for God. He need never wait until he can obtain the co-operation of the multitude or the wealthy. Let him undertake what he believes to be his duty, on ever so small a scale, and look directly to God for aid and direction. If it be a seed which God has planted, it will take root, grow, and bear fruit, "having seed within itself."—*Francis Wayland.*

LET us remember that we cannot fairly throw ourselves upon God's fatherly care unless we also do our best to do His will. To be able to feel this freedom, we should be of the number of those to whom He has pledged Himself that all things work together for good; and that class is the class of those who "love God." To throw ourselves upon Him is an act of love, and it is a hypocritical act unless it is connected with a sincere resolution to obey Him.—*Canon Mosley.*

LET no one hold his prayer cheap; He to whom we pray holdeth it not cheap. Ere it is gone forth out of our mouth, He has it written in His book. One of two things we may without doubt hope, that He will either give us what we ask, or what He knoweth to be more useful to us. For we know not what to ask for as we ought, but He hath pity on our ignorance. He graciously receiveth prayer, but He giveth not, either what is not altogether good for us, or what need not be given us yet. But the prayer will not be without fruit.—*S. Bernard.*

"God is love," 1 John iv. 8.—"God is love." All His perfections and His procedures are but so many modifications of His love. What is His omnipotence, but the arm of His love? What the threatening of the law, but the warning of His love? They are the hoarse voice of His love, saying, Man! do thyself no harm. They are a fence thrown round the pit of perdition, to prevent rash men from rushing into ruin. What was the incarnation of the Saviour, but the richest illustration of His love? What were the miracles of Christ, but the condescension of His love? What were the sighs of Christ, but the breath of His love? What were the prayers of Christ, but the pleadings of His love? What were the tears of Christ, but the dew-drops of His love? What is the earth, but the theatre for the display of His love? What is heaven, but the Alps of His mercy, from whose summits His blessings, flowing down in a thousand streams, descend to water and refresh His Church situated at its base?—*Rev. Dr. Waugh.*