

**Cleanings.**

Dare to be true, nothing can need a lie;  
A fault that needs it most grows wo thereby.  
*George Herbert.*

OUR eyesight is the most exquisite of our senses, yet it does not serve us to discern wisdom; if it did, what a glow of love would she kindle within us.—*Plato.*

NOTHING can be more painful to the feelings of a minister when he comes to water his flock than to find that many of them are not at the well.—*William Jay.*

A THANKFUL spirit has always fresh matter for thankfulness. To praise God for the past is the sure way to secure mercies for the future. Prayer and praise live or die together.—*Romaine.*

THE Creator works no miracles to bring back its lost whiteness to the snow. But the whole array of his miracles has nothing to compare with what he has done to restore your soul's lost purity.—*Congregationalist.*

CHRISTIANITY is being like-minded with Christ, considering Him our sanctification as well as our redemption. It is endeavouring to live to Him here, that we may live with Him hereafter.—*H. More.*

GOOD words do more than hard speeches; as the sunbeams without any noise will make the traveller cast off his cloak, which all the blustering wind could not do, but only make him bind it closer to him.—*Leighton.*

SPEND your time in nothing which you know must be repented of. Spend it in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed. Spend it in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing, if death should surprise you in the act.

Our lives are songs, God writes the words,  
And we set them to music at pleasure;  
And the song rings glad or sweet or sad,  
As we choose to fashion the measure.

We must write the music, whatever the words,  
Whatever its rhyme or metre;  
And if it is sad, we can make it glad,  
Or sweet, we can make it sweeter.

THE maelstrom attracts more notice than the quiet fountain; a comet draws more attention than the steady star; but it is better to be the fountain than the maelstrom, and star than comet, following out the sphere and orbit of quiet usefulness in which God places us.—*John Hall, D.D.*

IN every community, during the severe weather of winter there are many deaths of aged people. Their vitality is not great enough to resist the results of the storms. When they die, as when they live, they are a constant suggestion of the reverence that is due to hoar hairs.

THE timid man, who yet is not a coward, and who has conscience and convictions to inspire his determinations, is the man most to be depended on for effective conflict. He will be firm and aggressive when his brother of defiance and bluster has retired from the field. It is when we are weak that we are strong.—*United Presbyterian.*

THE longer we neglect writing to an absent friend, the less mind we have to set about it. So, the more we neglect private prayer and closet communion with God, the more shy we grow in our approaches to Him. Nothing breeds a greater strangeness between the soul and God than the restraining of prayer before Him. And nothing would renew the blessed intimacy, if God himself, the neglected party, did not, as it were, send us a letter of expostulation from heaven, and sweetly chide us for our negligence.

IN everything, remember not in one or two, not in great things only, but in even the smallest thing that tires and perplexes you, "let your requests be made known unto God." This is our encouragement. We are to come with expectation, praying for help. We are to come also with "supplication," that is, with earnest prayer, prostrating ourselves before the mercy throne. We are to come with thanksgiving, also. We are to remember how much we possess, although there be so much that we want; how much we are to bless God for, while there are so many burdens which we beg Him to remove. Even in our deepest sorrows we have abundant cause to pray with thanksgiving.

**TO CUT GLASS WITHOUT A DIAMOND.**—Carpenters, joiners and cabinet-makers are frequently called upon to fit glass to frames or sashes where no glass has been prepared to suit; under such circumstances it would be well to know how to cut glass to answer their purposes without the aid of a diamond. Many persons may not be aware that glass can be cut under water, with great ease, to almost any shape, by simply using a pair of shears or strong scissors. In order to insure success, two points must be attended to—first and most important, the glass must be kept quite level in the water while the scissors are applied; and, secondly, to avoid risk, it is better to begin the cutting by taking off small pieces at the corners and along the edges, and to reduce the shape gradually to that required, as if any attempt is made to cut the glass all at once to the shape, as we should cut a piece of cardboard, it will most likely break just where it is not wanted. Some kinds of glass cut much better than others, the softer glasses being the best for this purpose. The scissors need not be at all sharp, as their action does not appear to depend on the state of the edge presented to the glass. When the operation goes on well, the glass breaks away from the scissors in small pieces in a straight line with the blades. This method of cutting glass has been often of service when a diamond has not been at hand, for cutting ovals and segments, and though the edges are not so smooth as might be desired for some purposes, yet it will answer in a great many cases. The two hints given above, if strictly followed will always insure success.—*Illustrated Wood-Worker.*

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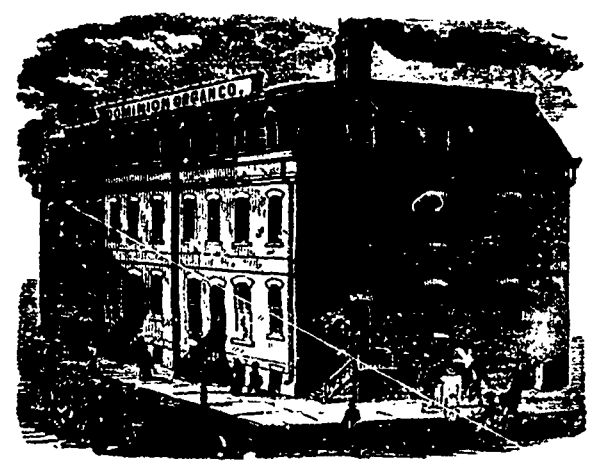
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