

"Not as I Will."
Blindfolded and alone I stand,
With unknown thresholds on each hand,
The darkness deepens as I grope,

Blindfolded and alone I wait;
Loss seems too bitter, gain too late;
Too heavy burdens in the load,

"Not as I will"—the sound grows sweet
Each time my lips the words repeat,

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Holiness—The Great Want.

A great deal has been written and spoken about holiness, as to what it is, why it is necessary to be holy, and how we may become holy.

The term holiness in Scripture is not identical with complete sanctification, though it is often used in that sense by Methodist writers of our day.

There is a possibility of spending much time and thought in analyzing the meaning of such terms as holiness and sanctification, and yet failing to obtain the experience which they represent.

duty and consolation for sorrow. Not less desirable and necessary are those graces of holiness of which faith is the parent and precursor.

Pastoral Visiting.

Visit all the families! Some ministers call only on those that go to church. That is like repairing the wall when it is in good condition, and neglecting it where it has tumbled down.

Why are you a Church Member?

We fear that there are a great many to whom this is an embarrassing question. If we are to judge by both actions and words, self advantage is the primary and controlling motive.

Practicing Religion.

Giving up sinful practices or pleasures—or even questionable ones—is not enough. Such negative religion will not last long, or avail much.

literate all social and intellectual distinctions. There must be freedom in choosing associates, and congeniality must be sought.

Two Golden Words.

There are two words which should be written in golden letters, or in letters of lambent flame, like holy altar fires, upon every heart and brain—opportunity, fidelity.

What Do Your Children Read.

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Prayers for Children.

Surely among all prayers that go up to God none are dearer or more prevailing than the intercessions of parents for their children.

The Guilt of Pride.

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feet, even at the risk of many a tumble. Wait not for more feeling, or more pungent convictions, or for anything that you read of in other people's experiences.

A Wife's Power.

The power of a wife for good or evil is irresistible. Home must be the seat of happiness, or it must be unknown forever.

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marred than any man's, "This is my Redeemer and my King, and I will serve him and love him forever."

Reader, have you been guilty of such baseness?

Jesus, and shall it ever be, A mortal man ashamed of thee!

The Wasted Years.

What a remarkable promise that is of the Lord to his repentant people: "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm."

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RANDOM READINGS.

Everybody is wise after the event. There can be no Christianity where there is no charity.—Colton.

Parents what do your children read?

I have read somewhere the legend of one who, day-dreaming in his chair, beheld a vision, which stood before him and beckoned him to follow her to fortune.

WE WILL NOT.

WE WILL NOT.—It takes character to say "No." I have a friend who says the first thing she would teach a boy, if she had one, would be to say "No."

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