

Wise and Otherwise.

—We can not escape trouble by running away from duty. Jonah once made the experiment, but soon found himself where all imitators will, in the end, find themselves. Therefore, manfully meet and overcome the difficulties and trials to which the post assigned you by God's providence exposes you.

—What is your greatest hindrance to growth in grace, and to earnest service for the Master? Is it not your *self*? So many times would we have trusted the Master, but self raised doubts. So often could we, and would have been messengers for the Lord, but self suggested this and that obstacle.

Sheridan met a friend who was terribly given to fibbing, and accosted him thus:—"Been to church to-day, Jones?" "No," was the quick response; "I've been on the bed all day." "Just as I expected," chimed in Sheridan; "you're always lying."

—A story is told of two young men who laid a wager they would prevail on a clergyman to drink until he became intoxicated. He agreed to drink with them, and to their undisguised joy announced that he would drink like a beast. Imagine their surprise when he fulfilled his promise by taking nothing but water, "as a beast does" said he, "but he knows when to stop drinking."

—A St. Louis editor accidentally received in his morning mail, proof sheets intended for the employees of a religious publication house, and, after glancing over them, rushed to the city editor, yelling: "Why in the world didn't you get a report of that big flood? Even that slow, old religious paper across the way is ahead of you. Send out your force for full particulars—only one family saved. Interview the old man. His name is Noah."

—An amusing incident occurred the other day. A gentleman who had been absent for a considerable time, and who during his absence, had raised a pretty luxuriant crop of whiskers, mustache, etc., visited a relative, whose child, a little girl of five or six years, he was very fond of. The little girl made no demonstration toward saluting him with a kiss, as was usual. "Why, child," said the mother, "don't you give Uncle John a kiss?" "Why, ma," returned the little girl, with the most perfect simplicity, "I don't see any place."

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