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**Everybody's Call.**  
 Each one has a call to personal service among the poor, the sick, the sinful. Whenever you see these there is your call, and love will make your labor light.—Rev. W. W. Bustard, Baptist, Boston.

**Have We Forgotten the Bible?**  
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Open the door, let in the sun;  
 He bath a smile for every one;  
 He hath made of the raindrops gold and gems;  
 He may change our tears to diamonds.  
 —Open the door!

Open the door of the soul, let in  
 Strong, pure thoughts which shall banish sin,  
 They will grow and bloom with a grace divine,  
 And their fruit shall be sweeter than that of the vine.  
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Open the door of the heart, let in  
 Sympathy sweet for stranger and kin,  
 It will make the halls of the heart so fair  
 That angels may enter unawares.  
 —Open the door!

—British Weekly.

**Words.**

Words are great forces in the realm of life;  
 Be careful of their use. Who talks of hate,  
 Of poverty, of sickness, but sets a file,  
 These very elements to mar his fate.

When love, health, happiness and plenty hear  
 Their names repeated over day by day,  
 They wing their way like answering fairies near,  
 Then nestle down within our homes to stay.

Who talks of evil conjures into shape  
 That formless thing and gives it life and scope.  
 This is the law; then let no word escape  
 That does not breathe of everlasting hope.  
 —Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Woman's Home Companion.

"Live while you live!" the epicure would say,  
 "And seize the pleasures of the present day!"  
 "Live while you live!" the sacred preacher cries,  
 "And give to God each moment as it flies!"  
 Lord, in my view let both united be;  
 I live in pleasure while I live to thee.  
 —Philip Doddridge.

**You Can't Bribe the Almighty.**  
 Jacob even tried to take God into partnership—"If thou prosper me, thou shalt be my God." But there is one thing that you can't do. You can't bribe the Almighty.—Rev. Dr. Lorimer, Tremont Temple, Boston.

**Christ's Reward.**  
 Christ differs from other teachers because he offers the greatest reward. Agnosticism can give nothing because it knows nothing. Infidelity is "a leap in the dark."—Rev. Charles Stedzie, Markham Memorial Mission, St. Louis.

**Are You Certain of Salvation?**  
 Idle speculation about the number saved or not saved is a vain thing and always useless. The one question for every man to consider about is this: "Am I saved? If not, how can I be?"—Rev. Dr. Quillian, Trinity Church, Atlanta.

**The Most Powerful Force.**  
 Say what you will of the churches, and they are not divinely preserved from error and imperfection, yet they represent and exercise the most powerful force that human experience shows.—Rev. John W. Day, Unitarian, St. Louis.

**We Are All Absolutes.**

We are all Absolutes in God's sight, but the Father is ready to stamp the kiss of forgiveness on every brow. Vile the story of David and Absalom is left to the Old Testament and that of the prodigal remains to the New, no one need lose hope. The kiss of forgiveness is ready and the ring of sonship awaits all who may return.—Rev. J. L. Scott, McDowell Memorial Church, Philadelphia.

**True Wisdom is Humble.**

The misuse of learning may cause the wise man to become covetous and vainglorious, the same as the misuse of power or money causes others to become so. Religion points out the psychological fact that wherever pride and learning abide together in equal proportions pride destroys the spiritual usefulness of the learning. Wisdom must be accompanied with humility to possess spiritual power.—Rev. Hiram Vrooman, Swedenborgian, Roxbury, Mass.

**Prepare for the Higher Life.**

You come from God. Then use the experiences of these lower years as a school from which at graduation—that is, at death—you will enter the higher life equipped and ready for its opportunities.—Rev. Dr. George H. Hepworth, Congregationalist, New York.

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