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\*Every day is a little life: and our whole life is but a day repeated: whence it is that old Jacob numbers his life by days; and Moses desires to be taught this point of holy arithmetic, to number not his years, but his days. \* \* \* \*

All days are His, who gave time a beginning and continuance; yet some He hath made ours, not to command, but to use."

BISHOP HALL.

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#### ERRATA.

- Page 36, March 4th, line 8—"that is, the decaying soul," read—"that is the decaying soul,"
- " 32, March 31st, line 2 and 6—"trust," read—"trusts "
- " 40, April 30th, line 4—"for," read—"of "
- " 38, May 13th, line 16—"but to impart *that of His fulness,*" read—"but to impart, *that of His fulness,*"
- " 34, May 14th, last line—"bring him last," read—"bring him at last."
- " 55, May 16th, line 9—"basement," read—"abasement "
- " 74, June 27th, line 8—"in which stone dares see God," read—"in which alone it dares see God,"
- " 101, September 15th, line 2—in some copies "turn," read—"trim "
- " 126, December 12th, line 2—"than when they commended,"—read "than when they commanded it."
- " 127, December 16th, line 2—"need," read—"useth."





*January.*



**J**ANUARY 1st.—The Christian's life is so far transparent, that the grace of the gospel shines forth in the power of holiness, on every side and from all his relations, as a candle in a crystal glass, not in a dark lanthorn, lightsome one way, and dark another.

JANUARY 2nd.—It requires more prowess and greatness of spirit to obey God faithfully than to command an army of men; to be a Christian, than to be a captain.

JANUARY 3rd.—Say not, thou hast royal blood running in thy veins, and art begotten of God, except thou canst prove thy pedigree by this heroic spirit, to dare to be holy, in spite of men and devils. The

eagle tries her young ones by the sun, Christ tries His children by their courage, that dare look on the face of death and danger for His sake. Mark viii. 34, 35.

JANUARY 4th.—The strength of the general in other hosts, lies in his troops ; he flies, as a great commander once said to his soldiers, upon their wings ; if their feathers be clipped, their power broken, he is lost. But in the army of saints, the strength of every saint, yea, of the whole host of saints, lies in the Lord of hosts. God can overcome His enemies without their hands, but they cannot so much as defend themselves, without His arm.

JANUARY 5th.—One flower with the root is worth many in a posy, which though sweet, yet do not grow, but wither, as we wear them in our bosoms. God's strength, as the root, keeps our grace lively, without which, though orient as Adam's was, it would die.

JANUARY 6th.—No saint shall say of heaven when he comes there, This is heaven which I have built by the power of my might. No, "*Jerusalem above is a city whose builder and maker is God.*" Every grace, yea, degree of grace, is a stone in that building, the top stone of which is laid in glory.

JANUARY 7th.—"*I appeared unto Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, by the name of God Almighty.*" This was all they had to keep house with, all their days ; with which they lived comfortably, and died triumphantly, bequeathing the promise to their children, not doubting of the performance.

JANUARY 8th.—Love, in the creature, commands all the other affections, sets all the powers of the whole man on work; thus, in God, love sets all His other attributes on work. When God once pitched His thoughts on doing good to lost man, then Wisdom fell on projecting the way; Almighty power, *that*, undertook to raise the fabric, according to Wisdom's model.

JANUARY 9th.—The shadow will not cool, except in it. What good to have the shadow, though of a mighty rock, when we sit in the open sun? To have Almighty power engaged for us, and we to throw ourselves out of the protection thereof, by bold sallies into the mouth of temptation! The saints' falls have been when they have run out of their trench and hold; for like the conies they are a weak people in themselves, and their strength lies in the rock of God's Almightyness which is their habitation.

JANUARY 10th.—God hath strength enough to give, but he hath no strength to deny; here the Almighty himself—with reverence be it spoken—is weak; even a child, the weakest in grace of His family that can but say Father, is able to overcome Him, and therefore let not the weakness of thy faith discourage thee.

JANUARY 11th.—David began to recover himself when he began to recover his spirit of prayer. The stronger the cry, the stronger the child, I warrant you. Jacob wrestled, and this is called his strength. Hos. xii. 4. It appeared there was much of God in him, that it