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SUNDIALS.

The garden clock of sunny climates is necessarily the companion of hours so beautiful that the mere name "Sundial" is dear to those who care for gardens, for phrases, for the sun, and for the South. The best gardens are those which other ages made and "kept up," and which our own age—an unthrifty heir—has allowed to grow somewhat wild with random grass, and somewhat dry with sun. We "enter into the labours"
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of our fathers; not into the perfection which they prepared, but into its gentle and more beautiful ruin and undoing. And we inherit something peculiarly theirs in the ancient garden—their usually austere sundial mottoes. A modern man enjoys the bee-visited, grass-grown, and fragrant paths that no gardener trims, though the man who made the paths would hardly approve them so; a modern man reads the warnings of a seventeenth-century sculptor, letting its lesson go by.

The sundial of my own childhood faced a blue sea, across olive and oleander, and it bore an inscription which, translated, threatened the generations: "Thou seest the hour, but knowest not the hour"—"of thy death," we supposed. In the twentieth century no man
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would engrave that thought above the terraces of such a heavenly garden. Other Italian palaces had, likewise, severe things written on their sunward faces, or on their garden dials. But, sombre or genial, the sundial motto, devised according to the appropriate art, has the beauty of brevity and fulness. No wonder if to the precision of Latin grammar has been generally assigned the safeguarding of the message of three or four words, long, slow, and complete with their burden of meaning.

There are tunes composed for bells, and as this brief music, so is this brief literature, restricted to the means and the opportunity, and full of vigour within those bonds. The phrase and the melody both have their home on the happy Ligurian coast. For though sundials
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number the few serene hours of Northern gardens, they are most useful in the South and the sun, and because of their use they take their place in the noble symbolic company standing by palace walls: the sundial for time, the cypress for death, wheat for life, and the vine for joy.

A. M.
TO EDWIN GREENE.
A BOOK OF SUNDIAL MOTTOES.
In compiling this Book of Mottoes, the translations in the majority of cases appear as given in the books consulted. These volumes, which represent a delightful branch of garden literature, range from John Wells' "Sciographia, or the Art of Shadowes" (1635), to Mrs. Alice Morse Earle's recently published "Sundials and Roses of Yesterday."

It will be seen that in many instances the English renderings of the inscriptions are free and often fanciful.

A.H.H.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

THE following Sixty "Mottoes for Dials, with their meaning in English," are from a curious and rare old work, entitled "Mechanick Dialling: or, the New Art of Shadows: freed from the many Obscurities, Superfluities and Errors of Former Writers upon this Subject... To which are added a choice Collection of Mottos in Latin and English... By Charles Leadbetter. London, at the Black Swan, 1737."

ALIIS . INSERVIENTO . CONSUMOR.

(MY . LOSS . IS . YOUR . GAIN).
A BOOK OF

ARS . LONGA . VITA . BREVIS.

(I . DIE . TO-DAY . AND . LIVE . TO-MORROW).

avaritia . hodie . dominatur.

(you . covet . to-morrow).

aut . caesar . aut . nihil.

(i . shine . or . shroud).

see . and . be . gone . about . your . business.
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Bulla. est. vita. humana.

(life's. a. bubble).

Consume. not. thy. time. in. idleness.

Deus. adest. laborantibus.

(heaven. favours. the. diligent).

Disce. dies. numerare. tuos.

(learn. to. value. your. time):
A BOOK OF


(shine. and. set).

DIES. DIEM. TRUDIT.

(a. day. kicks. me. down).

Dum. Spectas. Fugio.

(unsight. . unseen).

En. Supra. Vita. Fugax.

(a. life. on. flight's. soon. out. of. sight).

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Ex. hoc. momento. pendet. æternitas.

(now. or. never).

Festina. lente.

(mind. my. movements).

Fortuna. urbes. amplissimas. evertit.

(no. exemption. from. my. influence).

Fugio. fuge.

(be. gone. about. your. business.
I. stay. for. no. man).
A BOOK OF

Illinc. Disce. Mori.

(rising. portends. setting).


(man. is. a. shade. of. a. shadow).

Hora. Fugit. Rapide. Lethumq;.
Invadit. Inermes.

(the. hours. glide. swiftly, and the. unguarded.
are. easily. surprized).

Hora. Pars. Vitæ.

(every. hour. shortens. life).
**SUNDIAL MOTTOES.**

**I**

TA . VITA.

(such . is . life’s . half . circle).

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**L**

ABOR . IPSE . VOLUPTAS .

(my . pain . is . your . pleasure).

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**L**

EX . DEI, . LUX . DIEI.

(the . law . of . god . is . the . broad . day-light).

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ET . YOUR . LIGHT. SO . SHINE . BEFORE . MEN . THAT . THEY . MAY . SEE . YOUR . GOOD . WORKS.
A BOOK OF


(Delay. Drags. Danger).


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NON. SEMPER. ERUNT. SATURNALIA.
(TAKE. TIME: BY. THE. FORELOCK).

NON. NOBIS. NATI. SUMUS.
(WE. ARE. NOT. MADE. FOR. OURSELVES).

NON. SINE. LUMINE.
(WE. SHINE).

NOSCE. TEIPSUM.
(LOOK. INTO. THY. SELF).
A BOOK OF

NULLA DIES SINE LINEA:
(every day has its bounds).

OMNEM CREDE DIEM TIBI DILUXISSE SUPREMUM.
(believe every day to be thy last).

OMNIA FALCE METIT TEMPUS.
(the scythe of time carries a keen edge).

PEREUNT & IMPUTANTUR.
(the hours vanish, yet are on record).
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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

PAX . OPTIMA . RERUM.

(LIGHT . IS . THE . PARENT . OF . PEACE).

POST . VOLUPTATEM . MISERICORDIA.

(PLEASURE . IS . THE . PARENT . OF . PAIN ; NIGHT . TREADS .
UPON . THE . HEELS . OF . DAY).

QUALIS . VITA . FINIS . ITA.


QUOD . TIBI . FIERI . NON . VIS . ALTERI .
NE . FECERIS.

(Do . NOT . RENDER . EVIL . FOR . GOOD).
A BOOK OF

Qua. redit. nescitis. horam.
(ye. know. not. the. hour).

Quid. celerius. tempore?
(what. is. swifter. than. time?)

Sic. vita.
(life's. lot).

Sic. transit. gloria. mundi.
(so. marches. the. god. of. day).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

SINE . LUMINE . INANE.
(DARKNESS . PRECEDES . DAY).

SIC . PRÆTERIT . ÆTAS.
(LIFE . IS . WINGED).

TEMPUS . AD . LUCEM . DUCIT . VERITATEM.
(TIME . BRINGS . TRUTH . TO . LIGHT).

TEMPUS . OBIT, . MORS . VENIT.
(TIME . DIES, . DEATH . REIGNS).

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A BOOK OF

TEMPUS . FUGIT.
(TIME . HASTES).

TEMPUS . VITÆ . MONITOR.
(TIME . IS . LIFE'S . REMEMBRANCER).

TENERE . NON . POTES . NEC . PERDERE.
(YOU . CANNOT . KEEP . IT, . NOR . LOSE . IT).

UMBRA . DEI.
(THE . WORKMANSHIP . OF . THE . GREAT . ARCHITECT).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Ut . umbra . sic . vita.
(Shade . is . life's . pattern).

Venio . ut . sur.
(I . steal . upon . you).

Vigilate . & . orate, . tempus . fugit.
(Watch . and . pray, . time . hastens . away).

Via . vitae.
(Life's . road).

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A BOOK OF

VITA. NOSTRA. EST. INSTAR. COMŒDIÆ.

(LIFE. OFTEN. CHANGES. SCENES).

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VERITAS. TEMPORIS. FILIA.

(TIME. THE. FATHER. OF. TRUTH).

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*WELCOME. CHAPMAN.*

*ON A DIAL IN A MARKET PLACE.*
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Let others tell of storms and showers,
I'll only count your sunny hours.

(The motto chosen by Queen Alexandra for the sundial at Sandringham).
A BOOK OF

UNITED. IN. TIME, . PARTED. IN. TIME,
TO. BE. REUNITED,. WHEN. TIME. SHALL. BE
NO. MORE.

(IN THE KING'S GARDEN, HOLYROOD, ON THE DIAL PRESENTED
BY CHARLES I. TO QUEEN HENRIETTA MARIA).

AS. TIME. AND. HOURES. Passeth
AWAYE.
SO. DOETH. THE. LIFE. OF. MAN. DECAYE,
AS. TIME. CAN. BE. REDEEMED. WITH. NO
COST,
BESTOW. IT. WELL. AND. LET. NO. HOURE
BE. LOST.

(ON A RING DIAL).

TRANSEUNT. DIES. TUI.
(THY. DAYS. ARE. PASSING).

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To no one is given right of delay,
Noted in heaven passeth each day;
Be thou not fruitless, work while ye may,
Trifling were bootless, watch thou and pray.

These shades so fleet from day to day.
And so this life passeth avvaie.

VT. HORA. PRAETERITA. SIC. FUGIT. VITA.

(as the hour that is past, so life flies).
A BOOK OF

As shadowe. so man. speedeth.

Time. tide doth waist therefore make. haste we. shall.

Ut hora. fugit. vita.

(as. an. 'hour. life. flies).

You. may. waste. but. cannot. stop me.

(on an old church at tunbridge wells).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

As the sun runs, so does death come.

As time and hours passeth away, so doth the life of man decay.

TRANSEUNT ET IMPUTANTUR.

(They pass and are reckoned).

Bright sol and luna, time and tide doth hold.
A BOOK OF

Bon. Jour—Bon. Soir.

As these hours doth pass away, so doth the life of men decay. Memento Mori.

A day may ruin thee. Improve this hour. A.D. MDCCXXXII.

The hour now shown. Perhaps may be thy last, repent. And pray before that hour be past.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

THIS FOURFOLD INDEX OF SWIFT TIME
ON WHICH YE SHADOW VEERETH ROUND,
SHOULD MAN EXCITE TO THEMES SUBLIME.
SINCE NOT BUT SHADOWS HERE ARE FOUND.

BEHOLD NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME.—(2 Cor. vi. 2).
SEEK YE THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND.—(Isa. lv. 6).

VIRTUE JOIN PRECIOUS TIME.

THUS ETERNITY APPROACHETH.
A BOOK OF

CERTA . RATIO.

(A . SURE . RECKONING).

ASPICE . IN . HORAM, . ET . MEMENTO . MORI.

(LOOK . ON . THE . HOUR . AND . REMEMBER . DEATH).

TRIFLE . NOT, . YOUR . TIME'S . SHORT.

TIME . CAN . DO . MUCH.

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**SUNDIAL MOTTOES.**

**Aetas. rapiet. diem.**

*(Time. will. hurry. the. day. away).*

**——**

**Ver. non. semper. virit.**

*(Spring. is. not. always. green).*

**——**

**Time. is. more. sacred. than. gold.**

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**Aetas. cito. pede. praeterit.**

*(Age. passes. with. swift. foot).*
A BOOK OF

THUS. THE. GLORY. OF. THE. WORLD PASSES. AWAY.

TIME. AS. THE. DIAL. TO. THE. SUN. ALTHOUGH. IT. BE. NOT. SHONE. UPON.

DUM, LOQUIMUR. FUGERIT. INVIDA. ÅETAS, CARPE. DIEM. QUAM. ININIME. CREDULA POSTERO.

(WHILE. SPEAKING. SO. ENVIOUS. TIME. HAS. FLOWN, SEIZE. TO-DAY,. LITTLE. TRUST. THE. MORROW).

SUB. SOLE. VANITAS.

UNDER. THE. SUN. VANITY).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


L’heure. passe, L’amitié. reste.


(This. Is. Thy. Fortunate. Hour).


(Monastery near Florence).
A BOOK OF

Silens . Loquor.

(though . silent, . I . speak).

Micat . in . tenebris : lux . justorum.

(unto . the . upright . there . ariseth . light . in . the darkness).

Sine . sole . sileo.

(without . sun . I . keep . silence).

The . hour . thou . readest . now . on me.

Will . never . more . be . offered . thee;

If . thou . tak'st . heed . wise . thou wilt . be.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

To-morrow's hours may be less fortunate.

Ut filii lucis incedite.
(Walk as children of light).

Sine umbra nihil.
(Without shadow nothing).

I seek my light from God.
OH EARLY PASSENGER, LOOK UP, BE WISE,
AND THINK HOW NIGHT AND DAY TIME EVER FLIES.

TIME'S A HAND'S BREADTH; 'TIS A TALE;
'TIS A VESSEL UNDER SAIL;
'TIS AN EAGLE IN ITS WAY,
DARTING DOWN UPON ITS PREY;
'TIS AN ARROW IN ITS FLIGHT,
MOCKING THE PURSUING SIGHT.

SOL DEUS VISIBILIS
DEUS SOL INVISIBILIS.

(THE SUN IS THY VISIBLE GOD,
GOD THE INVISIBLE SUN).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

In . luce . tua . fruamur . luce.

(IN . THY . LIGHT . SHALL . WE . SEE . LIGHT).

I'll . live . to-morrow, . you . delaying cry,

in . what . far . country . does . to-morrow lie?

The . learned . line . showeth . the city's . hour.

(ON A SUNDIAL IN MILAN).

Lux . hujuS . solis . vobis . indicabit horum.

(This . sun's . light . will . show . the . hour).
A BOOK OF

OLD. FATHER. TIME. STANDS. STILL. FOR NONE;
THIS. MOMENT. HERE, . THE. NEXT. HE'S GONE;
AND. THOUGH. YOU. SPEAK. HIM. NE'ER SO. KIND,
HE. NEVER. LAGS. ONE. STEP. BEHIND;
IF. THEN. WITH. TIME. YOU'D. FORWARD BE,
YOU. E'EN. MUST. RUN. AS. FAST. AS. HE.

He. DAY. IS. THINE.

Unam. TIME.

(fear. one. hour).

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Una . harum . vitæ . horarum erit ultima.

Absque . sole, . absque . usu.

(without . sun, . without . use).

Time . wasted . is . existence, . used is . life.

That . solar . shadow, . as . it . measures life,
it . life . resembles . too.
A BOOK OF

As. A. Shadow. Such. Is. Life.

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Ultima. Decidet.

(The. Last. Decides).

(At Ventimiglia).

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A. Span. Is. All. That. We. Can
Boast,
An. Inch. Or. So. Of. Time:
In. All. His. Flower. And. Prime.

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Be thankful, watch, pray, work.

Aspice me.
(look upon me).

As the shade is, so is life.

A lumine motus.
(moved by light).
A BOOK OF

SHADOW. AND. SUN—SO. TOO. OUR. LIVES ARE. MADE—
YET. THINK. HOW. GREAT. THE. SUN, HOW. SMALL. THE. SHADE.


MEN. DO. BLAME. TIME, WHILE. IT THEY. SPEND
UNTO. NO. PURPOSE, OR. TO: A. BAD. END.


HERE. IS. A. SEASON. FOR. EVERYTHING.


SOL. TEMPORA. DIVEDIT. ÆVI.
(THE. SUN. DIVIDES. THE. SEASONS. OF. TIME).

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ASPIE. ET. ABI.

(GAZE. AND. PASS. ON).

TIME'S. GLASS. AND. SCYTHE
THY. LIFE. AND. DEATH. DECLARE.
SPEND. WELL. THY. TIME
AND. FOR. THY. DEATH. PREPARE.

THE. GAY. WHO. WOULD. BE. COUNTED
WISE,
THINK. ALL. DELIGHT. IN. PASTIME. LIES.—
NOR. HEED. THEY. WHAT. THE. WISE
CONDEMN,
WHilst. THEY. PASS. TIME. TIME. PASSES
THEM.

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A BOOK OF

SENGA. PALAR. DA. TUTTI. SON. INTESO.
SENGA. PALESO. FAR. RUMOR. L'ORA.

(WITHOUT. SPEAKING. I. AM. UNDERSTOOD. BY. ALL.
WITHOUT. A. NOISE. I. REVEAL. THE. HOUR).

IT. IS: LATER. THAN. YOU. THINK.

READ. ON. THIS. DIAL. HOW. THE
SHADOWS. DEVOUR
MY. SHORT-LIVED. WINTER'S. DAY. . HOUR
EATS. UP. HOUR
ALAS!. THE. TOTAL'S. BUT. FROM. EIGHT
TO. FOUR.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Vos estis lux mundi,
(ye are the light of the world).

Make the passing shadow serve thy will.

Thou by the dial's shady stealth mayst know time's thievish progress to eternity.

(Shakespeare's sonnet lxxvii.)
A BOOK OF

SENZA. L'UMBRA. NON. DILETTO,
E. PUR. L'UMBRA. E: MIO. DIFETTO.

(WITHOUT. A. SHADOW. I. PLEASE. NOT,
AND. YET. A. SHADOW. IS. MY. DEFECT).

In. HIS. OWN. IMAGE. THE. CREATOR
MADE,
HIS. OWN. PURE. SUNBEAM. QUICKENED
THEE—O. MAN!
THOU. BREATHING. DIAL!. SINCE. THY
NAME. BEGAN
THE. PRESENT. HOUR. WAS. EVER. MARKED
BY. SHADE.

I. NOTE. THE. TIME. THAT. YOU. WASTE.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

When thou dost look upon my face,
To learn the time of day,
Think how my shadow keeps its pace,
As thy life flies away.
Take, mortal, this advice from me
And so resolve to spend thy life on earth, that heaven shall be thy home, when time shall end.

(in county Kerry, Ireland).

Now is yesterday's to-morrow.

Whilst Phœbus on me shines,
Then view my shade and lines.

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A BOOK OF

LIFE'S. BUT. A. SHADOW MAN'S. BUT. DUST;
THIS. DIALL. SAYS DY. ALL. WE. MUST.

IO. VADE. E. VENGO. OGGI. GIORNO MA. TU. ANDRAI. SENZA. RITORNO.

(I. GO. AND. COME. EVERY. DAY,
BUT. THOU. SHALT. GO. WITHOUT. RETURNING).

(IN A RIVIERA GARDEN).

IN. CÆLO. QUIES.

(IN. HEAVEN. IS. REST).

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QUI. LABORAT. ORAT.


(IN LAYLAND CHURCHYARD, LANCASHIRE).

TRANSLIT. UMBRA, LUX. PERMANET.


A. MOMENT—MARK. HOW. SMALL. A SPACE
THE. DIAL. SHOWS. UPON. THE. FACE;
YET. WASTE. BUT. ONE—AND. YOU. SEE
OF. HOW. GREAT. MOMENT. IT. CAN. BE.

(AT OXFORD ON A DIAL BEARING THE ARMS OF THE EARL OF WHARTON, 1691—1702).
A BOOK OF

WHAT. THOU. SEEkest. IS. A. SHADOW.

Pereunt. et. imputantur.

(They. Pass. and. Are. reckoned).

I. STAND. ON. EARTH.

Tempora. Labuntur. Quæ. Nobis
Pereunt. et. Imputantur.

reckoned).

(At Adlington).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


(on Warwick Priory).

Se. Il. Sole: Si. Vede
Nessun. Mi. Crede.


Se. Non. Riluce. Il. Sole, Nessum
Mia. Guarda.


Redeem. Ye. Time.
A BOOK OF

AFTER. DARKNESS, THE LIGHT.

SICUT. UMBRA.

(AS. A. SHADOW).

I'M. GOING. WHERE. TIME. FOLLOWS
NOT—WHERE. IS. ETERNITY.

VIVERE. DISCE.
COGITA. MORI.

(LEARN. HOW. TO. LIVE
THINK. HOW. TO. Die).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Sic . Vita . Transit.
(sic . passes . life).

(so . fortune . turneth).

We . May . Not . Stay.

Dost , thou . heed?
A BOOK OF


(The painted line marks the sun's path),

Vivite, ait, fugio.

("Live ye" it says: "I fly").

Since everyone hath, everyone, one shade,
and you, but one, can every shadow lend.

(Shakespeare's sonnet liii.)

Time is the monitor of life.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


(if. the. sun. fails, no one. will. look. on. me).


(so. the. fleeting. years. go. by).

Vivens. Mortalis.

(he. that. lives. is. mortal).

Allez. Vous.

(pas. on).

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A BOOK OF

ITER. ENIM. JUSTORUM. SIMILE. EST. LUCI SPLENDIDÆ. PERGENTI. LUCERE: ADEO. UT. CORUM. QUISQUE. SIT STABILIS. DIE.

(THE. PATH. OF. THE. JUST. IS. AS. THE. SHINING LIGHT. THAT. SHINETH. MORE. AND. MORE. UNTO. THE PERFECT. DAY).

SHADOW. AND. SHINE. IS. LIFE.

(TENNYSON'S "GRANDMOTHER").

LIFE. IS. A. VAIN. SHADOW.

SHORT. THE. DAY. AND. GREAT. THE WORK.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

See the little day-star moving
Life and time are worth improving
Seize the moments, while they stay:
Seize and use them
Lest you lose them
And lament the wasted day.

Amenede to-day and slack not,
Dethe cometh and warneth not,
Tyme passeth and speketh not.

Ut vita finis ita.

(as life is so is its end).

(on the tower of chelsea old church).
A BOOK OF


Time. Was, is, past; thou. Canst not. It. Recall:
Time. Is, thou. Hast; employ. The portion. Small:
Time. Future. Is. Not; and. May. Never be:

Watch. And. Pray.


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TIME . FLIES . LINES . RISE . AND SHADOWS . FALL.
LET . IT . PASS . BY.
LOVE . REIGNS . FOR . EVER . OVER . ALL.

I . WAKEN . WITH . THE . RISING . SUN,
AND . SLEEP . WHEN . HIS . LONG . COURSE . IS RUN.

A . CLOCK . THE . TIME . MAY . WRONGLY TELL;
I, . NEVER, . IF . THE . SUN . SHINES . WELL.

SHADOWS . 'ARE . WE . AND . LIKE SHADOWS . DEPART.
A BOOK OF

OMNIA . FERT . ÆTAS.

(TIME . BRINGS . ALL . THINGS).

DOVEMOSA . QUID . NON . IMMINUIT . DIES?

(WHAT . IS . THERE . WASTING . TIME . DOES . NOT . IMPAIR ?)

—From Horace.

(ON A SUNDIAL IN A VENETIAN GARDEN).

THE . UTMOST . FOR . THE . HIGHEST.

(THE MOTTO ON THE SUNDIAL BELONGING TO G. F. WATTS, R.A.,
AT HIS RESIDENCE, LIMNERSLEASE, COMPTON).

LIVE . TO-DAY.

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THY DIAL... WILL SHOW HOW THY PRECIOUS MINUTES WASTE.

(Shakespeare’s Sonnet LXXVII.)

VADAM ET REVERTAR.

(I SHALL GO AND RETURN).

INDUCE ANIMUM SAPIENTEM.

(TAKE TO THYSELF A WISE WORD).

SOL REGIT OMNIA.

(THE SUN RULES ALL).
A BOOK OF

LEARN TO VALUE YOUR TIME.

NONE CAN CALL AGAIN THE PASSED TIME.

SHINING SPOT FOR EVER SHINING
BRIGHTEST HOURS HAVE NO ABIDING.
USE THY GOLDEN MOMENTS WELL.
LIFE IS WASTING
DEATH IS HASTING.
DEATH CONSIGNS TO HEAVEN OR HELL.

IVE MEMOR LETHI, FUGIT HORA.

(LIVE REMEMBERING DEATH, THE HOUR FLIES).

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(The Sun is the World's Glory).


(Wherefore hidest thou. Thy face. And holdest me. Thine enemy?)


(Comb. See. Farewell).


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A R E . Y O U . M A D E ,
O N . Y O U . T E N D ?


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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


Volat. Tempus.
(Time. Turns).


Justum. Et. Æquun.
(Just. And. Fair).

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A BOOK OF

RETAIN . YOUR . LOYALTY, . PRESERVE YOUR . RIGHTS.

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DIES . AD . DIEM . EURETAT . SERMONEM.

(DAY . UNTO . DAY . UTTERETH . SPEECH).

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SAPIENTIS . EST . NUMERARE.

(IT . IS . THE . WISE . WHO . NUMBER).

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WELL . ARRANGED . TIME . IS . THE SUREST . SIGN . OF . A . WELL ARRANGED . MIND.

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Erīt. nomen. ejus. in. seculum, durante. sole.

(his. name. shall. endure. for. ever. his. name
shall. be. continued. as. long. as. the. sun).

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C'est. l'heure. de. boire.

(this. is. the. hour. for. drinking).

(on an inn at lilbourne).

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Ah. what. is. human. life!
how. like. the. dial's. tardy. moving
shade:
day. after. day. glides. by. us
unperceived,
yet. soon. man's. life. is. up. and. we
are. gone.

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DEUS . ADEST . LABORANTIBUS.

(GOD . STANDS . BY . THE . WORKER).

LOOSE . NO . TIME.

DIALL (loq.) STAIE, . PASSINGER
TELL . ME . MY . NAME,
THY . NATVRE.

PASS. (resp.) THY . NAME . IS . DIE
ALL. I . AM . A . MORTALL
CREATVRE.

DIALL (loq.) SINCE . MY . NAME
AND . THY . NATVRE
SO . AGREE,
THINK . ON . THY . SELFE
WHEN . THOU . LOOKST
VPON . ME.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

In viis. tuis : resplendetibus. lux.
(The light shall shine upon thy ways).

Old. time. is. still. a-flying.
—Herrick.

Annnon. paulisper. diebus. meis cessabit?
(Are not. my. days. few?)

Tempus. acceptum.
(Now. is. the. accepted. time).
A BOOK OF

U TERE . NON . NUMERA.

(EMPLOY . THEM , COUNT . THEM . NOT).

V

VIVI . BREV'ORE , INDI . A . SERRAR . VAI

GLI . OCCHI.

(LIVE . YOUR . BRIEF . HOUR . THEN . FOR , EVER . CLOSE

YOUR . EYES).

E

ET . IPSE . MUTAT . TEMPORA . ET

TEMPESTATES.


W

WAIT . NOT . FOR . TO-MORROW.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

OMNIBUS . LUCET.

(THE . LIGHT . SHINES . FOR . ALL).

ONLY . AS . I . ABIDE . IN . THE . LIGHT
OF . HEAVEN
DO . I . FULFIL . THE . WILL . OF . MY . MAKER.

THE . SHADOW . OF . THE . ETERNAL.

IN . HORA . NULLA . MORA.

(IN . THE . HOUR . IS . NO . DELAY).

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A BOOK OF
IN GOD'S GOOD TIME.

OPPOSTO. DI. ME—
PENSI. DI. TE.

(THINK. NOT. OF. ME—
THINK. OF. THYSELF).

DISCE. DIES. NUMERARE. TUOS.

(LEARN. TO. NUMBER. THY. DAYS).

WITH. MY. SHADOW. MOVES. THE WORLD.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

YESTERDAY'S. GONE, TO-DAY. IS. HERE, TO-MORROW. NEVER. MAY. APPEAR.

THE POLE,

GOD'S

THE HORIZON, WHERE OUR SUN IS SET;

HE'S A FLYING SHADOW,

OUR LIFE'S

OUR SOUL,

AND WILL: THROUGH CHRIST A RESURRECTION GET.

(MILTON CHURCH, BERKS.)

THEY. (THE HOURS) PERISH AND ARE NOT THOUGHT OF.
A BOOK OF


(for. the. happy. and. the. sad. I. mark. the. hours alike).


(nothing. exists. without. us).

As. silent. I. stand. mid. ye. flowers I. reckon. all. ye. passing. hours, gazer, who. lookest. on. me. now, the. hours. of. life. dost. reckon thou?

The. hours. fly. fast. on. wings. of light.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Noiseless, falls the foot of time
Which only treads on flowers.

Non Redibo.
(I shall not return).

Be watchful, thou, time posts
Away amain,
Nor can the hour that's past return again.

Non Tardum Opprior.
(Not for the slow do I tarry).
A BOOK OF

Nos. exiguum. tempus. habemus, sed multum. perdimus.

(a. little. time. have. we, but. waste. much).

Now. or. when?

(beverley minster).

Lux. tua. vita. mea.

(thy. light. my. life).

Nothing. is. true. but. the. light.

70
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

MANEO. NEMINI.

(I. WAIT. FOR. NONE).

WHEN THOU DOST GAZE UPON MY FACE
THINK THEN OF TIME, HOW SWIFT HIS PACE,
AND THAT WITH EVERY MOMENT FLOWN
THY OPPORTUNITY IS GONE.

MEMOR. ESTO. BREVIS. AEVI.

(REMEMBER HOW BRIEF IS LIFE).

MISSPEND. NO. TIME.

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A BOOK OF

The shadow flies, and it is seen no more.

My hours are made of sun and shade. Take heed of what your hours be made.

Life as this shade doth fly and fade.

Life is short, time is swift. Much is to be done.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Lucem . demonstrat . umbra.

(light . shows . shadow).

Lux . diei , lex . dei.

(the . light . of . day , the . law . of . god).

The . careless . look . and . do . not heed,
The . wise . take . note . as . me . they read:

Tempus . fugit.

Lux . et . umbra . vicissim . sed . semper amor.

(light . and . shadow . by . turns . but . always . love).
A BOOK OF

So glides the hours, so wears the day,
These moments measure life away.
With all its trains of hope and fear;
Till shifting scenes of shade and light
Rise to the eternal day, or sink in endless night.

—Dr. Watts.

As tyme doth haste
So life doth waste.

Our days decline like a shadow.

Our time's at hand.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

I. SHINE. NOT. FOR. ONE. BUT. FOR. ALL.

MUNDI. OCULUS.
(THE. EYE. OF. THE. WORLD).

OMNIA. SUNT. HOMINUM. PENDENTIA FILO.
(ALL. THE. THINGS. OF. MAN. HANG. UPON. A. THREAD).

THE. SHADOWES. FLOWN'. RETURN. NO MORE.
A BOOK OF

Est. hora.
(it is the hour).

Ora. ne. te. ultime. fallat.
(pray lest the last hour come unawares).

Orbis. et. umbra.
(a circle and a shadow).

Oriens. sol. adornatur.
(the rising sun is adorned).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


Observe. How. Fast. Time. Hurries past,
Then. Use. Each. Hour, While. In your. Power
For. Comes. The. Sun, But. Time. Flies on,

Of. Shade. And. Sunshine. For. Each hour
See. Here. A. Measure. Made:

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A BOOK OF

(either learn or go).

He. Sun. On. Me. Doth. Shadow throw,
What. Shall. This. Day. Thy. Morrow show?

Afflictis. Lentae.
(time is slow to the sorrowful).

(time passes, friendship stays).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

GOD. GIVETH. ALL.

GIVE. GOD. THY. HEART, THY. HOPES, THY. SERVICE, AND. THY. GOLD. THE. DAY. WEARS. ON, AND. TIME. IS WAXING. OLD.

OPPORTUNITY. HAS. LOCKS. IN. FRONT. AND. IS. BALD. BEHIND.

DIES. SERENUS.
SERENUS. SIT. ANIMUS.

(THY. DAYS. BE. BRIGHT.
BRIGHT. BE. THY. SPIRIT).

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A BOOK OF

DEUS. EST. LUMEN. LUMINIS.

(GOD. IS. THE. LIGHT. OF. LIGHT).

I WISH. THE. SUN. WOULD. SHINE. ON ALL. MEN’S. FRUITS. AND. FLOWERS AS. WELL. AS: MINE.

(IN THE GARDEN OF BELCARRES, FIFE).

I GIVE. MEN. WARNING. HOW. THE HOURS. FLY,

FOR. MEN. ARE. SHADOWS. AND. A SHADOW. I.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

My hours are summed in shine and shade;
of joy and sadness man's are made.

How long is time? ask thou of me;
how fleet is time? I ask of thee.

Hora, dies, et vita fuguint;
manet unica virtus.

(The hour, day, and life all fly, only virtue remains).
A BOOK OF SOMNO. SUGERE.
(AWAKE. FROM. SLEEP).

THIS. IS. YOUR. HOUR. ACCEPT IT.

HE. THAT. WOULD. THRIVE. MUST. RISE AT. FIVE.
HE. THAT. HATH. THRIVEN. MUST. STAY TILL. SEVEN,
HE. THAT. WILL. NEVER. THRIVE. MAY. LIE TILL. ELEVEN.

I. HAVE. NO. VOICE. AND. YET. I. SPEAK,
TAKE. HEED. WHEN. YOU. THE. TIME. DO SEEK.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

J'AVANCE.

(I PASS ALONG).

IRREVOCABILE.

(NEVER TO BE RECALLED).

IMPROVE THE PRESENT HOUR, FOR ALL BESIDE IS A MERE FEATHER ON A TORRENT'S TIDE.

ICH DIEN.

(I SERVE).
A BOOK OF

COUNT. THE. HOURS. AS. ONE. BY. ONE
THEY. FLY.

NOR. DO. I. BEG. THIS. SLENDER NICHE,
TO. WHILE
MY. TIME. AWAY,. OR. SAFELY. TO. BEGUILE
MY. THOUGHTS. WITH. JOY,—THERE'S
NOTHING. WORTH. A. SMILE.

ABIIT. DIES,. QUIA. INCLINARUNT. UMBRÆ
VESPERTINÆ.

(THE. DAY. GOETH. AWAY,. AND. THE. SHADOWS. OF. THE
EVENING. ARE. STRETCHED. OUT).

SOL. SOLUS. SOLVIT.

(THE. SUN. IS. THE. ONLY. SOLVER).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

So . flys . life . away.

Noneo . dum . moveo.

(I. warn . as . I. move).

The . moment . past
laid . many . fast.

Ne . quid . pereat.

(let . nothing . be . lost).

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A BOOK OF


Vedi. L’ora. Mia. E. L’ora. Tua. Non sai?


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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

(Light is sown for the righteous).

(Thou seekest the hour, while thou seekest, the hour flies).

(He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him).
A BOOK OF

I. MARK. NOT. THE. HOURS. UNLESS THEY. BE. BRIGHT,
I. MARK. NOT. THE. HOURS. OF. DARKNESS AND. NIGHT.
MY PROMISE. IS. SOLELY. TO. FOLLOW THE. SUN
AND. POINT. OUT. THE. COURSE. HIS CHARIOT. DOTH. RUN.

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"Sic. TRANSIT,". SAYEST. THOU?. WELL,
THEN,. LET. IT. PASS!
WOULDEST. BE. A. GLUTTON. AT. THE FEAST. OF. LIFE,
AND. EAT. AND. EAT,. AND. EVER. FILL THY. GLASS?
WELL-FED,. CONTENT. LAYS. DOWN. HIS FORK. AND. KNIFE.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Do. To-day's. Work. To-day.

For. In. And. Out. Above. Us. And below,
Played. In. A. Box. Whose. Candle. Is the. Sun,

—Omar Khayyam.

Life's. But. A. Short. Day,

Time. Fleeteth. Away
Without. Delay.
A BOOK OF

TIME'S. A. TORRENT'S. RAPID. STREAM;
TIME'S. A. SHADOW, . TIME'S. A. DREAM;
TIME'S. THE. CLOSING. WATCH. OF. NIGHT,
DYING. AT. THE. RISING. LIGHT.
TIME'S. A. BUBBLE. ON. TIME'S. SEA,
USE. TIME. WELL. WHILE. TIME'S. WITH
THEE.


THINK. AND. THANK.

ONCE. AT. A. POTENT. LEADER'S. VOICE
I. STAYED;
ONCE. I. WENT. BACK. WHEN. A. GOOD
MONARCH. PRAYED;
MORTALS, . HOWE'ER . WE . GRIEVE,
HOWE'ER . DEPLORE,
THE. FLYING. SHADOW. WILL. RETURN. NO
MORE.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

The time to come is no more ours than the past.

Life is a passing shadow... the shadow of a bird in his flight.

—from the Talmud.

The time thou killest will in time kill thee.

Let pleasure be granted to youth; but since human life is soon run, and has but—to speak sober truth—two moments,—let wisdom have one.

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A BOOK OF

HOURS. FLY,
FLOWERS. DIE,
NEW. DAYS,
NEW. WAYS,
PASS. BY;
LOVE. STAYS.

RADITUR. DIES. DIE
NOVAEQUE. PERGUNT. INTERIRE. LUNAE.

(DAY. DISPLACES. DAY. AND. NEW. MOONS. HASTEN. ONWARD. BUT. TO. FADE).

—From Horace.

(ON A SUNDIAL IN A GRECIAN GARDEN).

DUM. VIVIMUS. VIVAMUS.

(LIVE. WHILE. YOU. LIVE).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

DICIMUS . INTEGRO
SICCI . MANE . DIE, . DICIMUS . UVIDI,
QUUM . SOL . OCEANO . SUBEST.

(SO . PRAY . WE . SOBER . IN . THE . MORNING, . WHEN . THE
DAY . IS . BEFORE . US ; . SO . PRAY . WE . . WHEN . THE . SUN
SINKS . BENEATH . THE . OCEAN).

—From Horace.

(ON A SUNDIAL IN A GRECIAN GARDEN).

VOLAT . IRREVOCABILIS . HORA.

(FLIES . THE . HOUR . NEVER . TO . BE . RECALLED).

VOUS . QUI . PASSE . SOUVENÉ ? . VOUS . AU
PASSANT . QUE . TOUT . PASSE . COMME
JE . PASSE.

(REMEMBER . ALL . WHO . PASS, . ALL . THINGS : PASS . AS . I
PASS).

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A BOOK OF

Such, such a man extends his life's short space,
and from the goal again renews the race:
for he lives twice who can at once employ
the present well, and e'en the past enjoy.

—From Martial.

Time is

too slow for those who wait,
too swift for those who fear,
too long for those who grieve,
too short for those who rejoice;
but for those who love

Time is eternity.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

To-day is yesterday's pupil.

A day to come shows longer than a year. That's gone.

In space comes grace.

Some come,—some go,—this life is so.
A BOOK OF

Our teachers are the hours which open or close the gate of heaven.

Ut migraturus habita.

(Dwell as if about to depart).

Si sans soleil vous viendrez, sans réponse vous en retournerez.

(if without sun you come, without a reply will you go).

Vigilantibus

(to the watchful).

96
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

AGE . QUOD . AGIS.

(DO . WHAT . YOU . ARE . DOING).

DISPONENDO . ME, . NON . MUTANDO . ME.

(BY . DISPOSING . OF . ME, . NOT . BY . CHANGING . ME).

FUGIT . IRREPARABILE . TEMPUS.

(IRRECOVERABLE . TIME . IS . FLYING . AWAY).

DEO . FAVENTE.

(WITH . GOD'S . FAVOUR).
A BOOK OF

A. LA. BONNE. HEURE.

(WELL-TIMED).

FAS. EST. EB. AB. HOSTE. DOCERI.

(IT. IS. RIGHT. TO. DERIVE. INSTRUCTION. EVEN. FROM. AN
ENEMY).

SO. TEACH. US. TO. NUMBER. OUR. DAYS
THAT. WE. MAY. APPLY. OUR
HEARTS. UNTO. WISDOM.

LEAD, KINDLY. LIGHT.
SUN DIAL MOT TOES.

U NTO . YOU . THAT . FEAR . MY . NAME SHALL . THE . SUN . OF . RIGHTEOUSNESS . ARISE.

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T HE . WHIRLIGIG . OF . TIME . BRINGS . IN HIS . REVENGES.

—Shakespeare.

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T O . THEM . THAT . MOURN . THE . HOURS ARE . SLOW,
BUT . WITH . THE . JOYFUL . SWIFTLY . GO.

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A S . WE . USE . THE . HOURS . SO . WILL THE . HOURS . USE . US.
A BOOK OF

THE MOVING FINGER WRITES: AND HAVING WRIT MOVES ON: NOR ALL THY PIETY NOR WIT SHALL LURE IT BACK TO CANCEL HALF A LINE, NOR ALL THY TEARS WASH OUT A WORD OF IT.

—Omar Khayyam.

DIES MEI SIMILES SUNT UMBRÆ INCLINATÆ.

(MY DAYS ARE LIKE A SHADOW THAT DECLINETH).

UTERE NON REDIT HORA.

(Employ the hour, it returneth not).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARK WHICH THY FATHER HATH SET UP.

QUIA TEMPUS QUIDEM EST, CUIQUE VOLUNTATI.

(THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE AND FOR EVERY WORK).

WHEN SLOTH PUTS URGENT BUSINESS BY,
"TO-MORROW'S A NEW DAY," SHE'LL CRY;
AND ALL HER MORROWS PROVE IT TRUE
THEY'RE NEVER USED, AND THEREFORE NEW.

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A BOOK OF

SET. ME. RIGHT. AND. USE. ME. WELL
AND. I. THE. TIME. TO. YOU. WILL. TELL.

(ON A POCKET DIAL).

SOON. SHALL. THE. SHINING. CIRCLE
CEASE. TO. RUN;
SOON. SHALL. TO-MORROW. TURN. TO
YESTERDAY.
THAT. KNIFE. OF. SHADOW. CUTTING. IN
THE. SUN
CUTS. PATIENTLY. THY. LIGHT. OF. LIFE
AWAY.

UNA. DABIT. QUOD. ALTERA. NEGAT.

(ONE. HOUR. WILL. GIVE. WHAT. THE. NEXT. DENIES).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


(In Aldingham Churchyard, Lancashire).

Stay. And. Think.

(Shakespeare's sonnet LVII.)
A BOOK OF

VOLANO . L’ORE, . I . GIORNI, . GL’ANNI . E . I . MESTI.

—Petrarch.

(HOURS, . DAYS, . MONTHS, . YEARS, . ALL . FLY)

**

COME . IN . TIME.

(ON A CHURCH AT BRADFORD ST. GEORGE, SUFFOLK).

**

USE . WELL . THE . PRESENT . MOMENTS . AS . THEY . FLEET,
YOUR . LIFE, . HOWEVER . SHORT, . WILL . BE . COMPLETE.
IF . AT . ITS . FATAL . ENDING . YOU . CAN . SAY:
I’VE . LIVED . AND . MADE . THE . MOST . OF . EVERY . DAY.

(IN WATERFALL CHURCHYARD, STAFFORDSHIRE).

104
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

SURGE, LUCE, QUANDOQUIDEM, ADVENIT LUX TUA.

(Arise, shine; for thy light is come).

TIME IS THE CHRYSALIS OF ETERNITY.

SWIFT FLY THE HOURS AND BRIEF THE TIME
FOR ACTION AND REPOSE:
FAST FLITS THIS SCENE OF WOE AND CRIME,
AND SOON THE WHOLE SHALL CLOSE.
THE EVENING SHADOWS DEEPER FALL,
THE DAYLIGHT DIES AWAY,
WAKE, SLUMBERER, AT THE MASTER'S CALL,
AND WORK WHILE IT IS DAY.
A BOOK OF


(a. shadow. and. smoke. is. man’s. life).

(in helston churchyard, cornwall).


(shadow! what. seest. thou?. shadow).


(the. example. and. shadow. of. heavenly. things).


(Here. is. your. hour).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

ULTIMA. LATET. ET. OBSERVANTUR OMNES.

(THE. LAST. [HOUR]. IS. HIDDEN. AND. ALL. WATCHED).

LEX. ENIM. UMBRAM. OBTINENS FUTURORUM. BONORUM.

(A. SHADOW. OF. GOOD. THINGS. TO. COME).

TAMEN. HIS. AEVUM. COMponitur umbris.

(TIME. IS. MADE. UP. OF. SHADOWS).

APUD. QUEM. NON. INEST. TRANSmutatio aut. conversionis. obumbratio.

(WITH. WHOM. IS. NO. VARIABLENESS. NEITHER. SHADOW OF. TURNING).

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A BOOK OF

BEING YOUR SLAVE, WHAT SHOULD I DO BUT TEND
UPON THE HOURS AND TIMES OF YOUR DESIRE?

—Shakespeare.

VESTIGIA NULLA RETRORSUM.

(THERE ARE NO STEPS BACKWARD).

CURRICULUM MEUM PERFICIAM DONEC ADVENERINT DOMINUS.

(I WILL RUN MY COURSE UNTIL THE LORD SHALL COME).

VIA CRUCIS VIA LUCIS.

(THE WAY OF THE CROSS IS THE WAY OF LIGHT).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

With. Warning. hand. 1. mark. Time's rapid. Flight
From. Life's. glad. Morning. to. its solemn. Night;
Yet, through. the. dear. God's. love,
I. also. show
There's. a. light. above. me. by. the shade. below.

(Written by John Greenleaf Whittier, for a sundial).


Dum . exspectamus . lucem, . ecce tenebrae.

(We. wait. for. light, . but. behold. obscurity).


Ambulemus . in . luce . Jehovae.

(Let. us. walk. in. the. light. of. the. Lord).
A BOOK OF

LABUNTUR . ANNI . NEC . PIETAS . MORAM RUGIS . ET...
AFFERET.


—From Horace.


(OUR . DAYS . ON . EARTH . ARE . A . SHADOW).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Watch. Faster—Watch. Slower.


Come. Light! Visit. Me!

(in the garden of Harriet Martineau).


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A BOOK OF

LUMINARE . MAJUS . AD . PRÆFECTURAM DIEI.

(THE . GREATER . LIGHT . TO . RULE . THE . DAY).


UT . UMBRA . QUUM . DECLINAT.

(I . AM . GONE . LIKE . A . SHADOW).


LITTLE : SUN . UPON . THE . CEILING
EVER . MOVING, . EVER . STEALING
MOMENTS, . MINUTES, . HOURS . AWAY.
MAY . NO . SHADE . FORBID . THY . SHINING
WHILE . THE . HEAVENLY . SUN . DECLINING
CALLS . US . TO . IMPROVE . THE . DAY.

(ON A CEILING DIAL AT THEOBALDS).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

TAKE TIME ERE TIME TAKE TIME O' THEE.

VIX ORIMUR ET OCCIDIMUS.

(SCARCELY ARisen AND WE HAVE SET).

TIS ALWAYS MORNING SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.
IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.
IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.

WHAT an antique air had the now almost effaced sun-dials, with their moral inscriptions, seeming coeivals with that Time which they measured, and to take their revelations of its flight immediately from Heaven, holding correspondence with the fountain of light! How would the dark line steal imperceptibly on, watched by the eye of childhood, eager to detect its movement, never caught, nice as an evanescent cloud, or the first arrests of sleep! . . .

Ah! yet doth beauty like a dial hand
Steal from his figure, and no pace perceived!

What a dead thing is a clock, with its ponderous embowelments of lead and brass, its pert or solemn dulness of communication, compared with the simple altar-like structure and silent heart-language of the old dial! It stood as the garden god of Christian gardens. Why is it almost everywhere vanished? If its business-use be superseded by more elaborate inventions, its moral uses, its beauty, might have pleaded for its continuance. It spoke of moderate labours, of pleasures not protracted after sunset.

CHARLES LAMB.—Essays of Elia.

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IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.

HOW well the skilful gardener drew,
Of flowers and herbs, this dial new!
Where, from above, the milder sun
Does through a fragrant zodiac run:
And, as it works, the industrious bee
Computes its time as well as we.
How could such sweet and wholesome hours
Be reckon'd, but with herbs and flowers?

Andrew Marvell.—The Garden.

A DIAL is the Visible Map of Time, till Whose Invention 'twas follie in the Sun to play with a Shadow. It is the Anatomie of the Day and a Scale of Miles for the Jornie of the Sun. It is the silent Voice of Time and without it the Day were dumbe... It is ye Book of ye Sun on which he writes the Storie of the Day. Lastly, Heaven itself is but a generall Dial, and a Dial it, in a lesser volume.

Robert Hegge.—Heliotropum Sciothericum (1630).
IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.

METHINKS it were a happy life . . .
To carve out dials quaintly point by point,
Thereby to see the minutes how they run;—
How many make the hour full complete;
How many hours bring about the day;
How many days will finish up the year.
How many years a mortal man may live.
When this is known then to divide the times;— . . .
So minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years,
Pass’d over to the end they were created.

Shakespeare.—Henry VI. (3 part), Act ii., Scene 5.

THE sundial is a thing of deep sentiment. All feel the beauty and wonder of the thought that Time, that most intangible, most fleeting, most wonderful of conditions, is marked so fittingly in its passing by a shadow almost equally intangible; and the noblest evidences of creations—the stars in the heavens—would be to us invisible and unknown save for their revelation through the shadow of the earth.

Mrs. Alice Morse Earle.—Sun-dials and Roses of Yesterday.

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IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.

THE hours when the mind is absorbed by beauty are the only hours when we really live, so that the longer we can stay among these things so much more is snatched from inevitable Time. Let the shadow advance upon the dial—I can watch it with equanimity while it is there to be watched. It is only when the shadow is not there, when the clouds of winter cover it, that the dial is terrible. The invisible shadow goes on and steals from us . . . These are the only hours that are not wasted—these hours that absorb the soul and fill it with beauty.

RICHARD JEFFERIES.—The Pageant of Summer.

THERE is always, to my thinking, a charm about a sundial . . . The sacred grey of the aged stone, mellowed by the many years of sun and rain, forms a fair ground for the patterns which our loved lichens have traced upon it, in dark and orange, gold and oxydised silver . . . The Dial seems a witness with a silent voice, amid the changes of this life, to the lastingness of things.

THE AUTHOR OF The Harvest of a Quiet Eye.—On Sundials.

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