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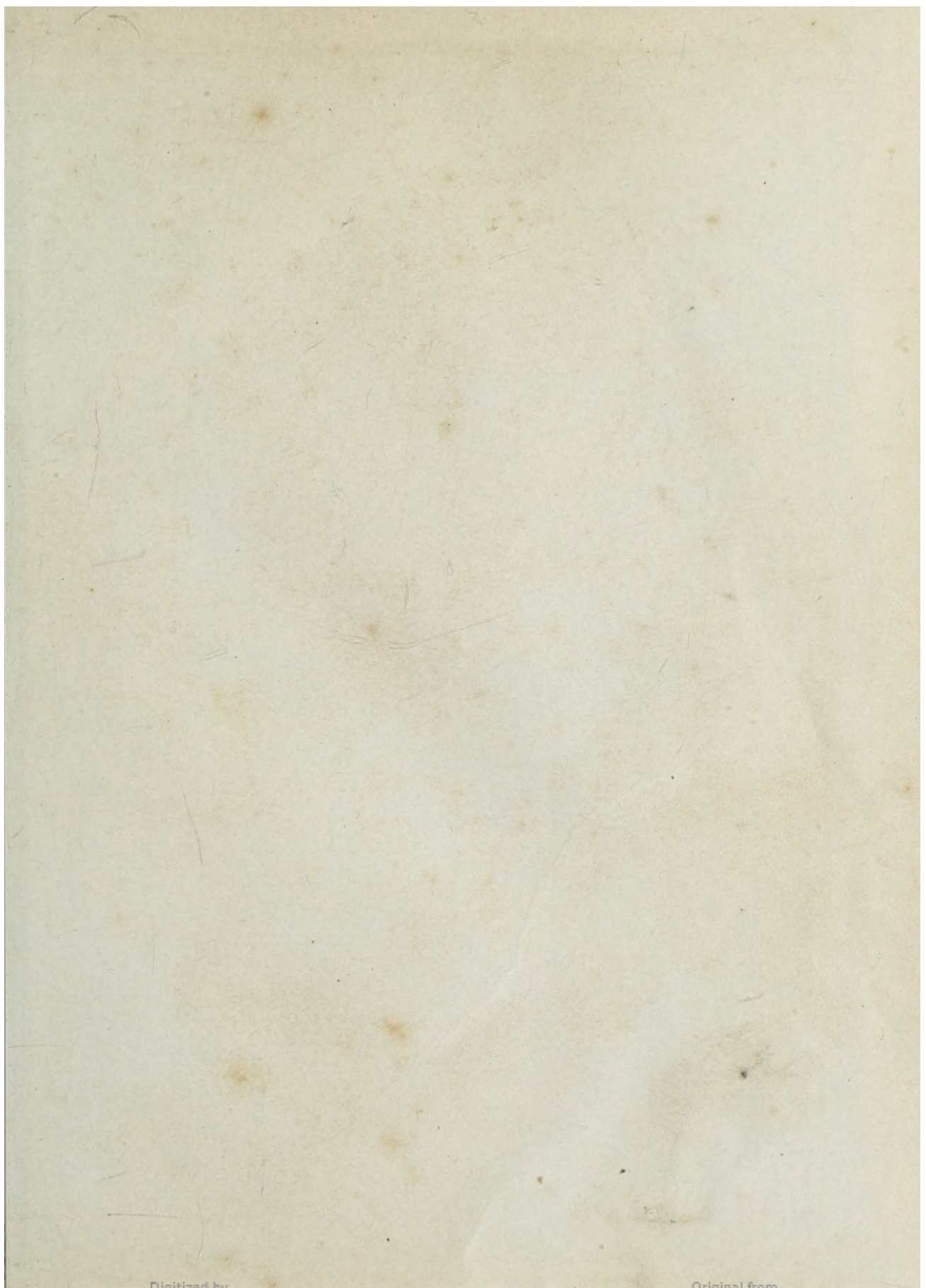
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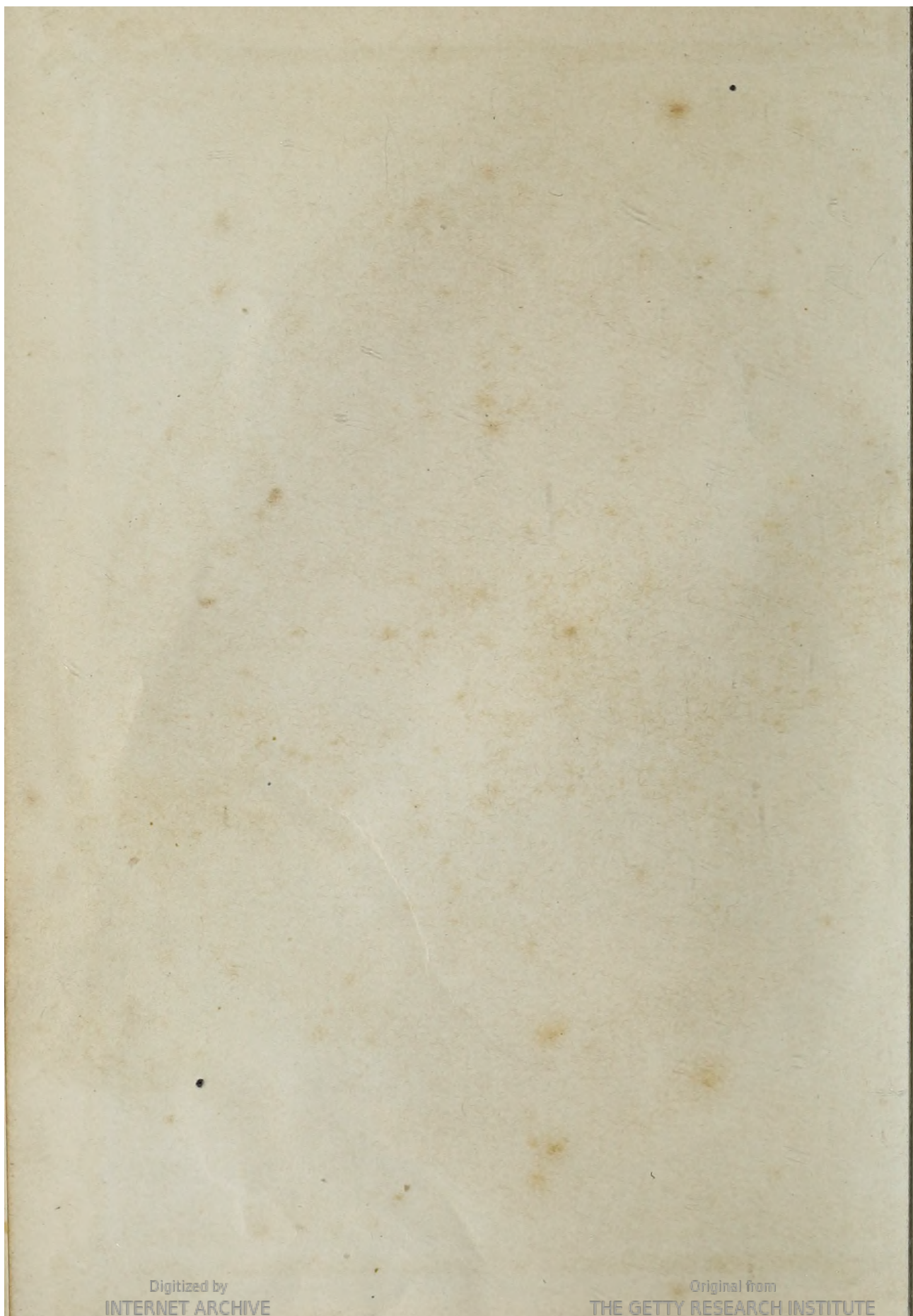
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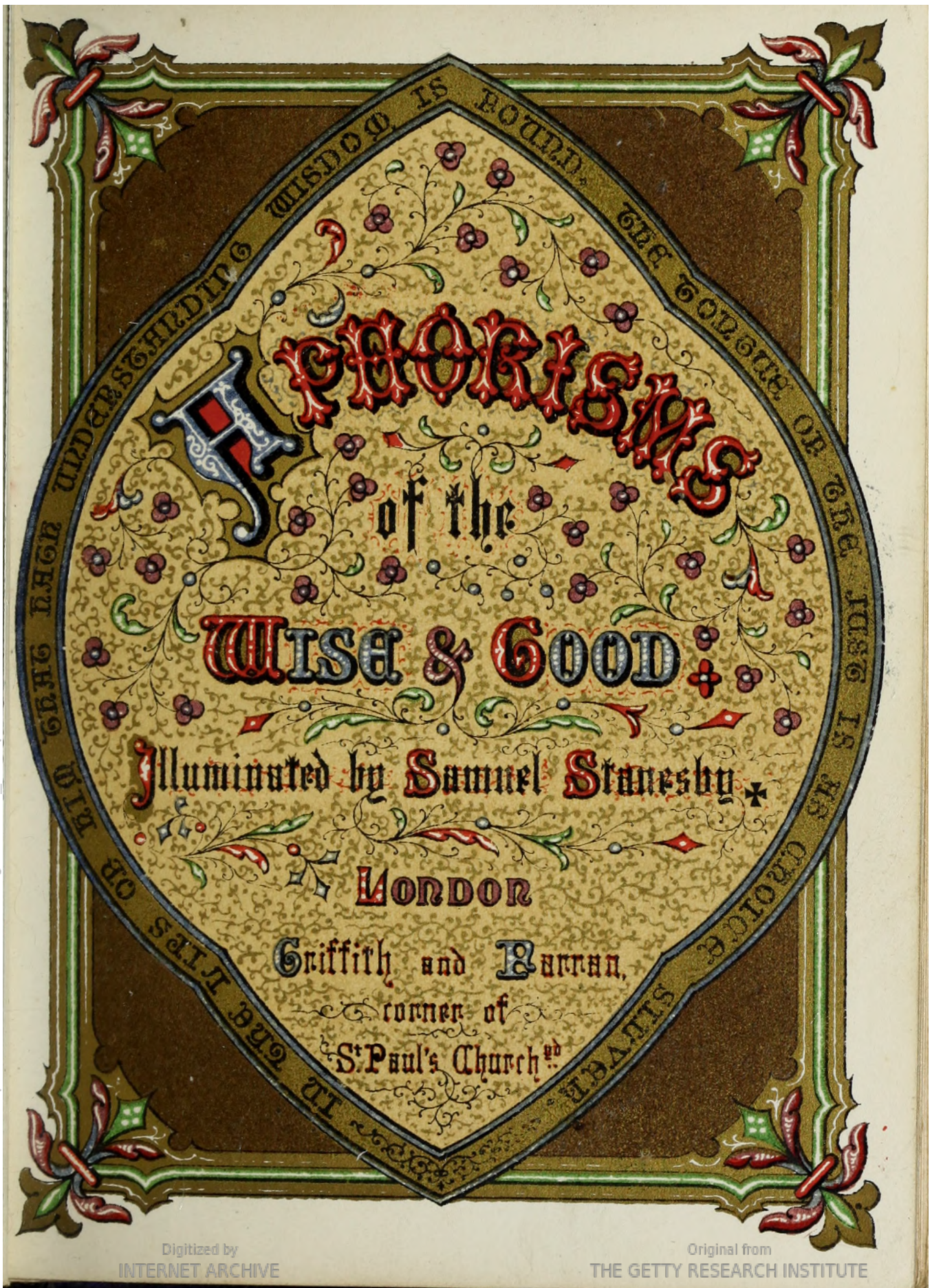
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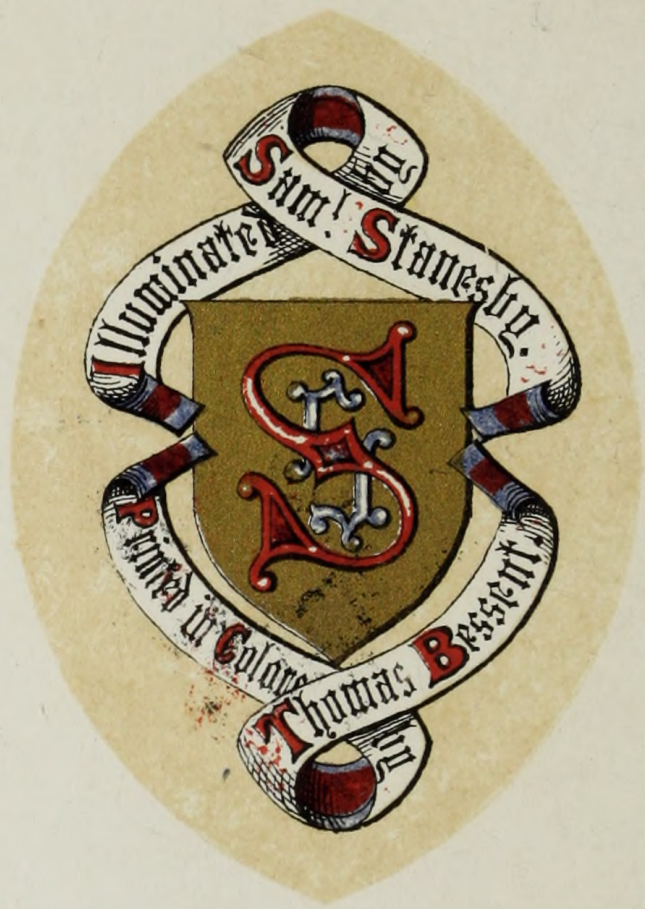


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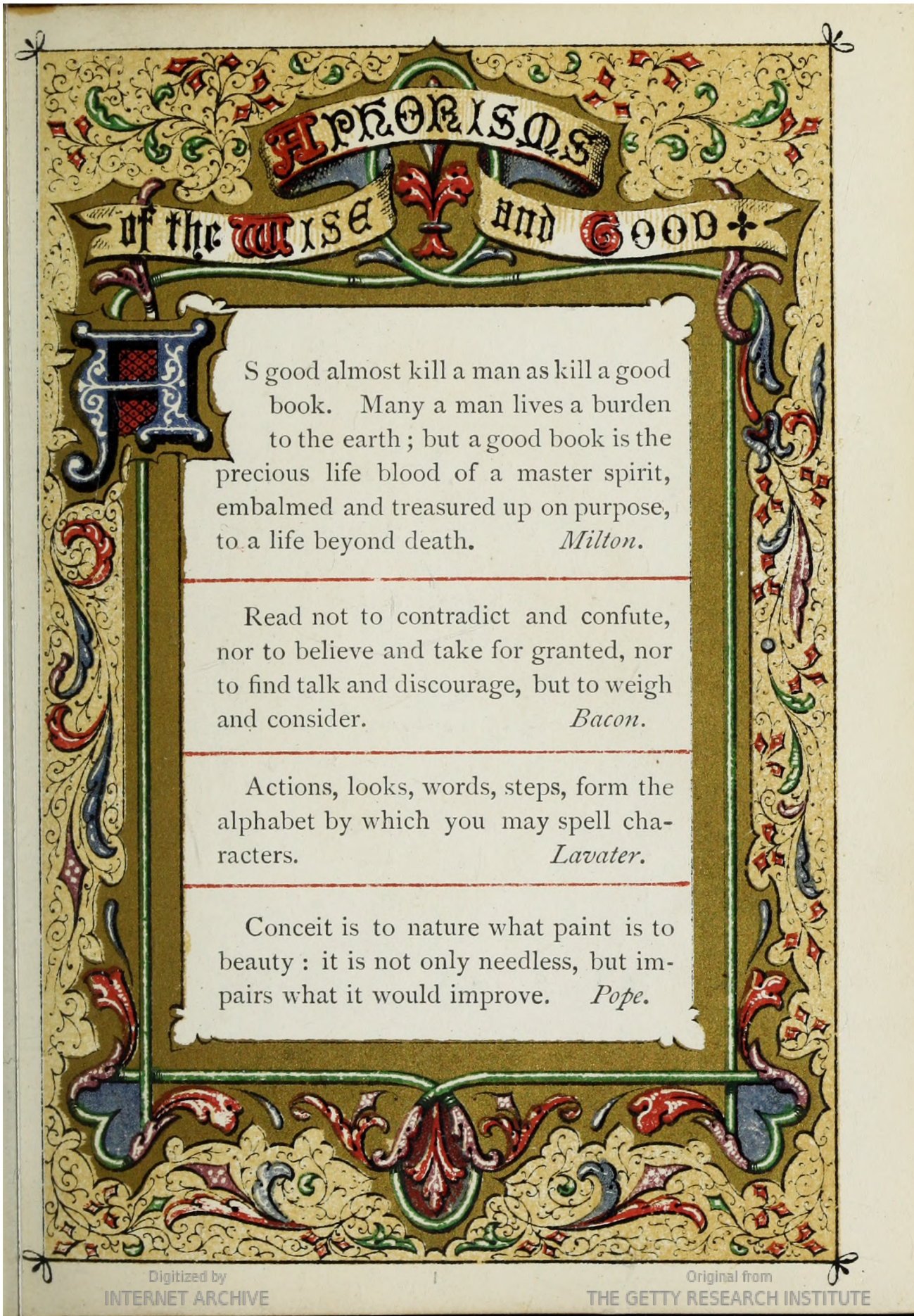


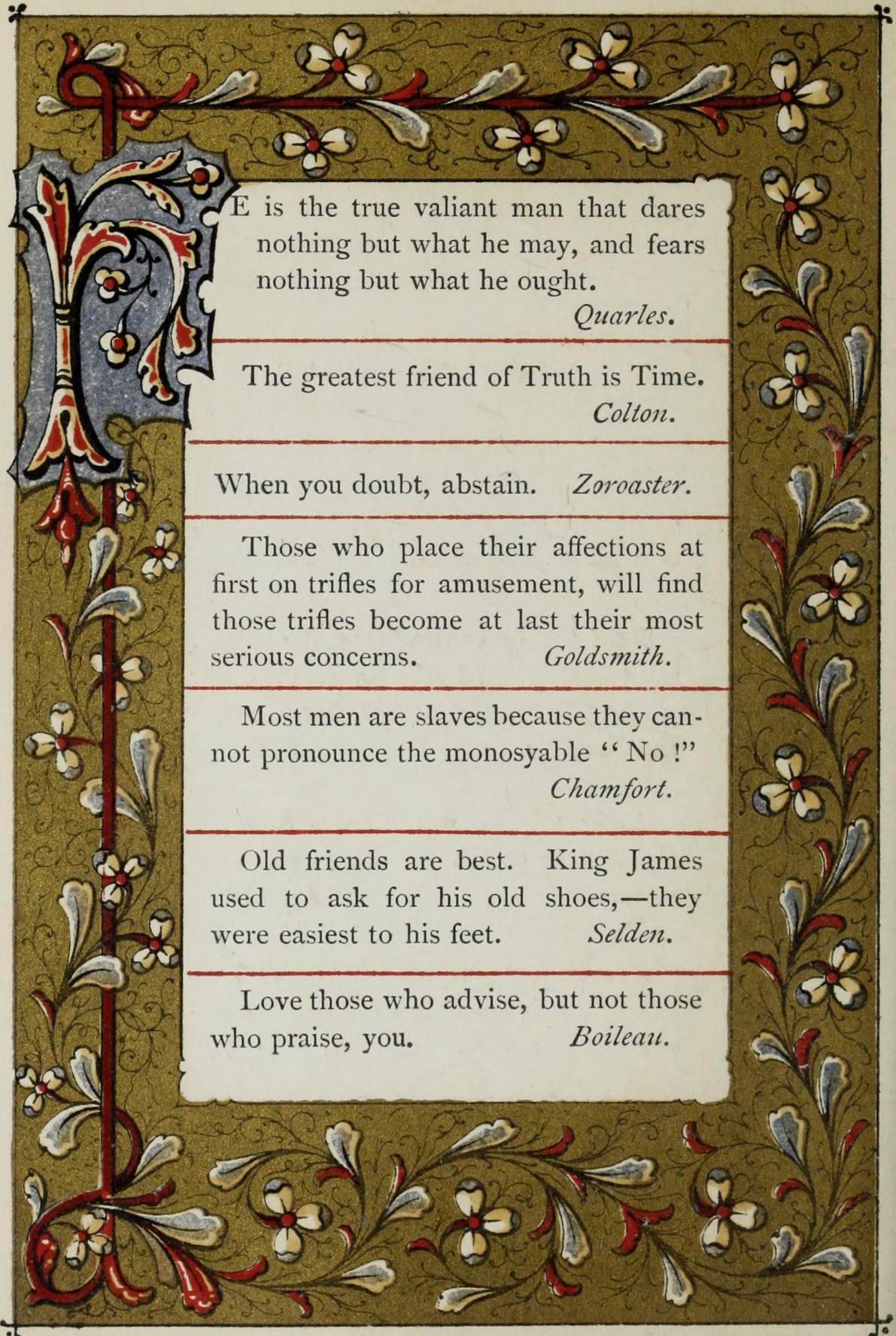




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is the true valiant man that dares nothing but what he may, and fears nothing but what he ought.

Quarles.

The greatest friend of Truth is Time.

Colton.

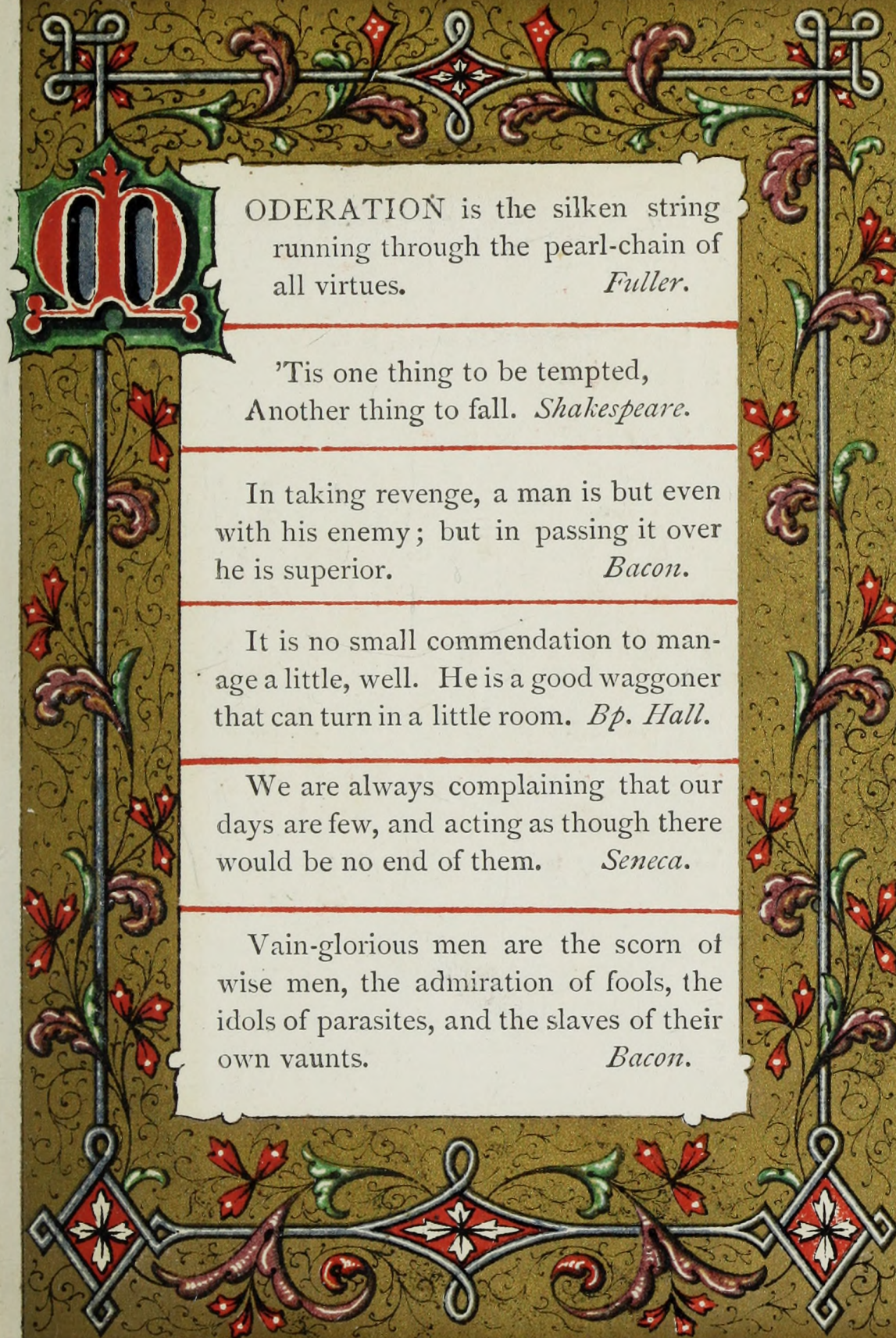
When you doubt, abstain. *Zoroaster.*

Those who place their affections at first on trifles for amusement, will find those trifles become at last their most serious concerns. *Goldsmith.*

Most men are slaves because they cannot pronounce the monosyable "No!" *Chamfort.*

Old friends are best. King James used to ask for his old shoes,—they were easiest to his feet. *Selden.*

Love those who advise, but not those who praise, you. *Boileau.*



M

MODERATION is the silken string running through the pearl-chain of all virtues. *Fuller.*

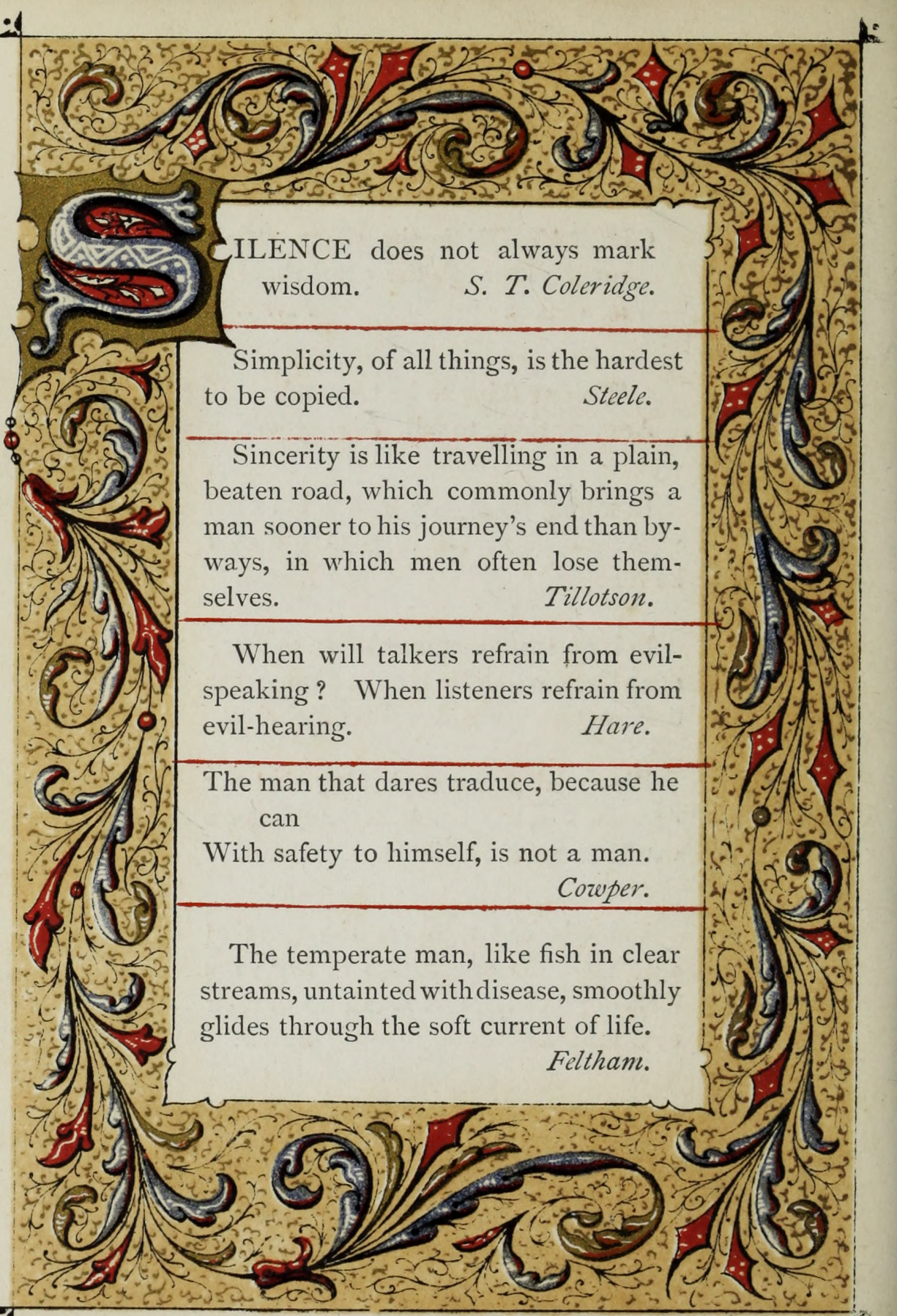
'Tis one thing to be tempted,
Another thing to fall. *Shakespeare.*

In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over he is superior. *Bacon.*

It is no small commendation to manage a little, well. He is a good waggoner that can turn in a little room. *Bp. Hall.*

We are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end of them. *Seneca.*

Vain-glorious men are the scorn of wise men, the admiration of fools, the idols of parasites, and the slaves of their own vaunts. *Bacon.*



S

ILENCE does not always mark
wisdom. *S. T. Coleridge.*

Simplicity, of all things, is the hardest
to be copied. *Steele.*

Sincerity is like travelling in a plain,
beaten road, which commonly brings a
man sooner to his journey's end than by-
ways, in which men often lose them-
selves. *Tillotson.*

When will talkers refrain from evil-
speaking? When listeners refrain from
evil-hearing. *Hare.*

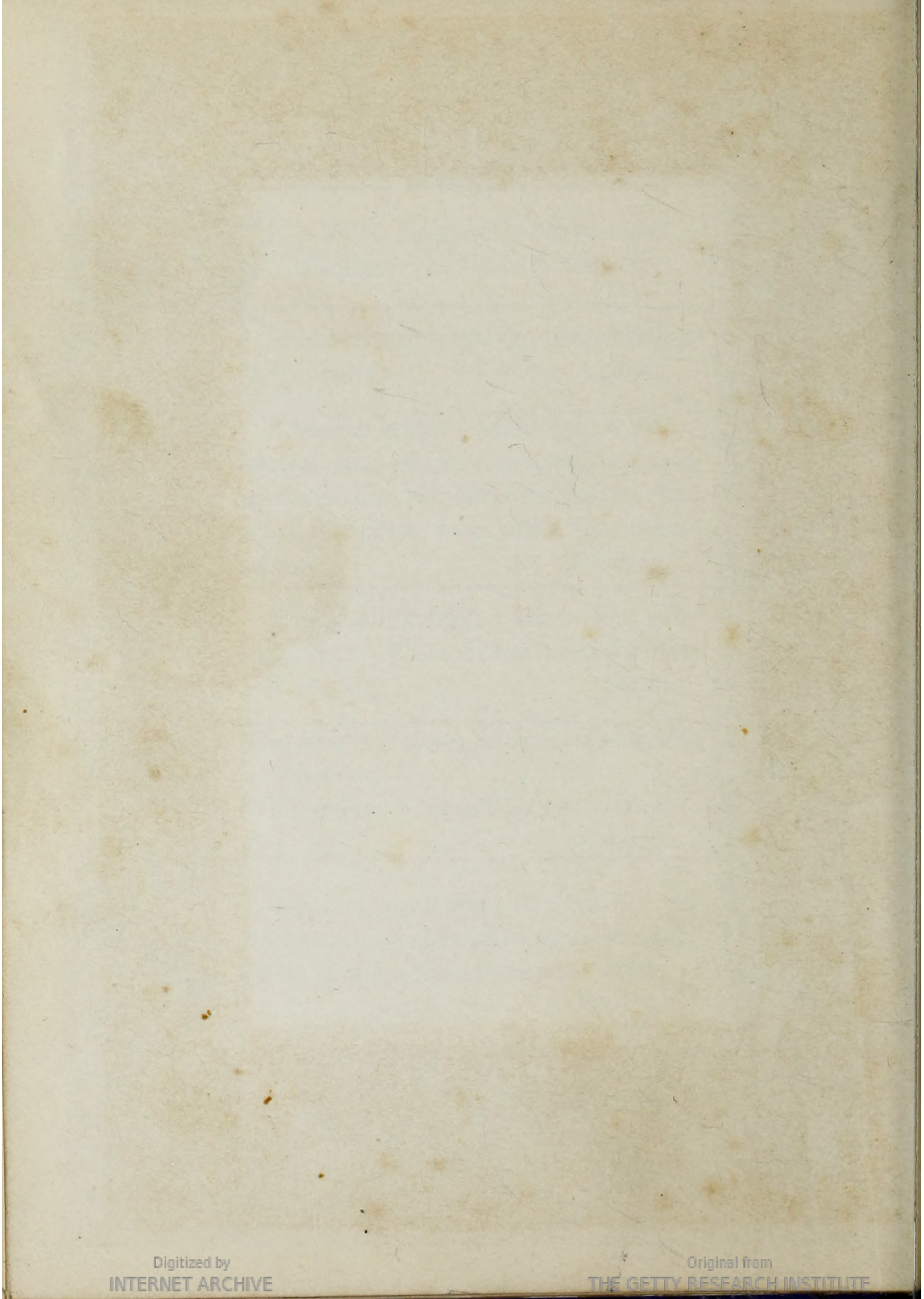
The man that dares traduce, because he
can
With safety to himself, is not a man.
Cowper.

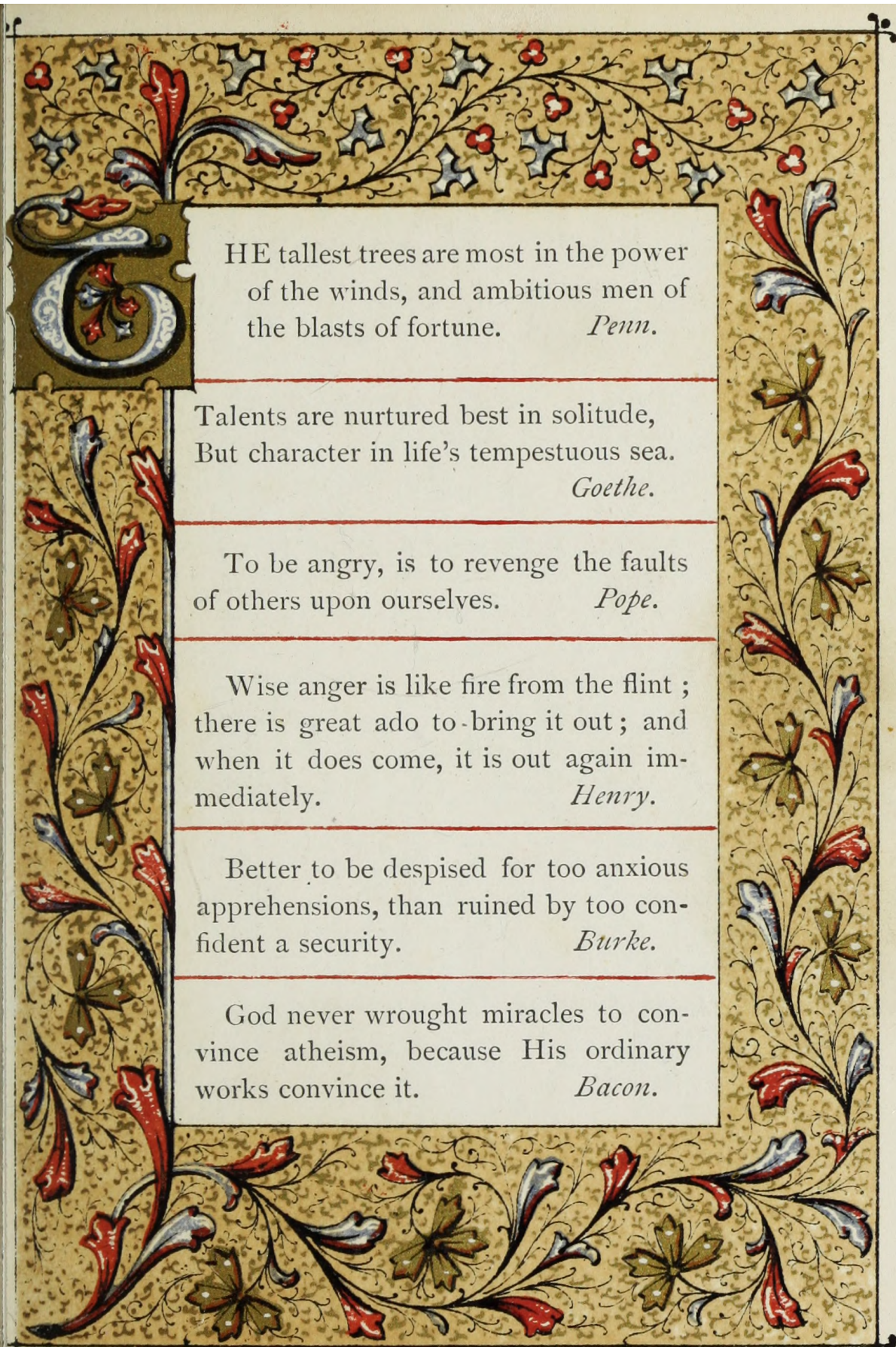
The temperate man, like fish in clear
streams, untainted with disease, smoothly
glides through the soft current of life.
Feltham.

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HE tallest trees are most in the power
of the winds, and ambitious men of
the blasts of fortune. *Penn.*

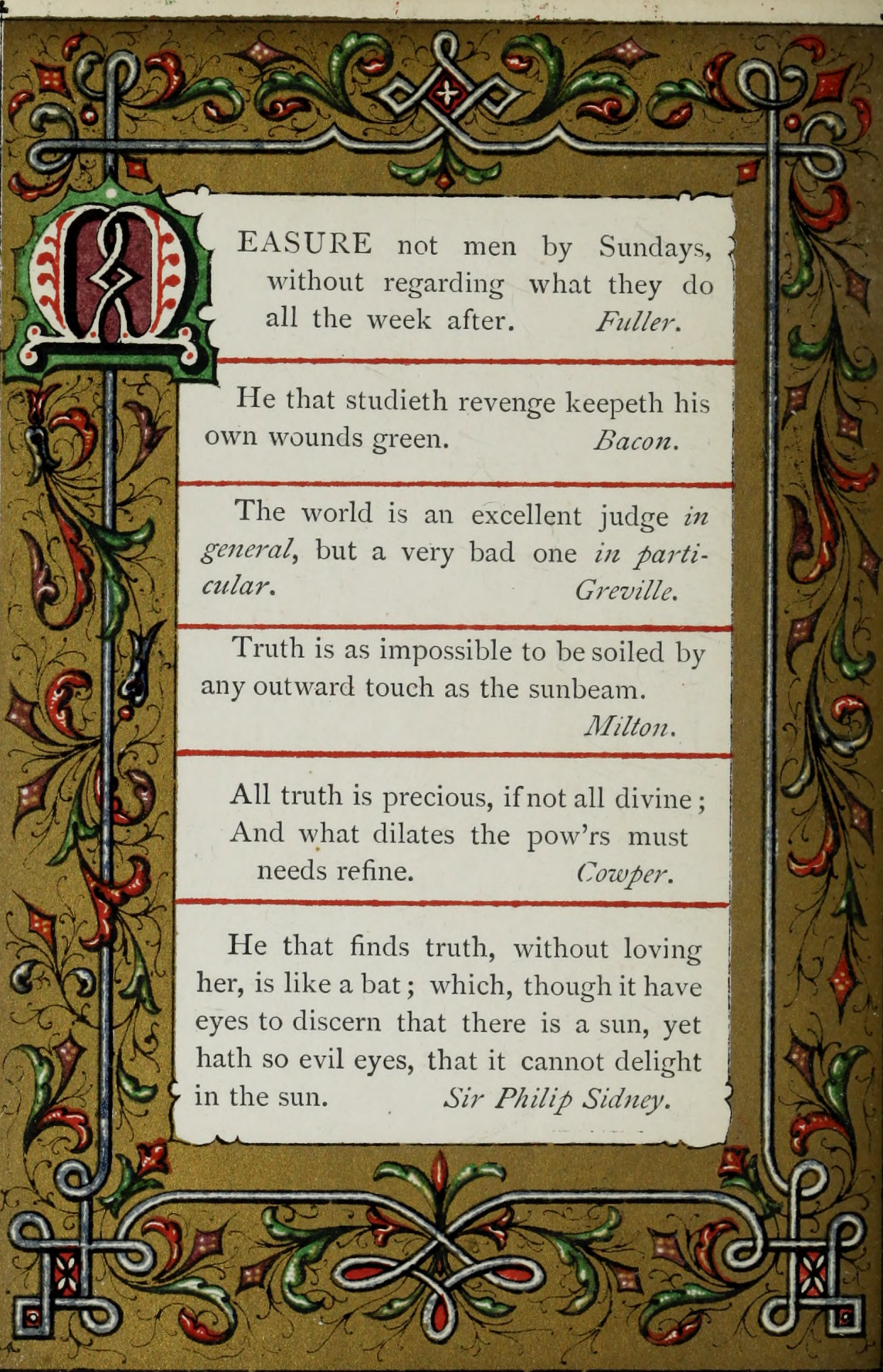
Talents are nurtured best in solitude,
But character in life's tempestuous sea.
Goethe.

To be angry, is to revenge the faults
of others upon ourselves. *Pope.*

Wise anger is like fire from the flint ;
there is great ado to bring it out ; and
when it does come, it is out again im-
mediately. *Henry.*

Better to be despised for too anxious
apprehensions, than ruined by too con-
fident a security. *Burke.*

God never wrought miracles to con-
vince atheism, because His ordinary
works convince it. *Bacon.*



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EASURE not men by Sundays,
without regarding what they do
all the week after. *Fuller.*

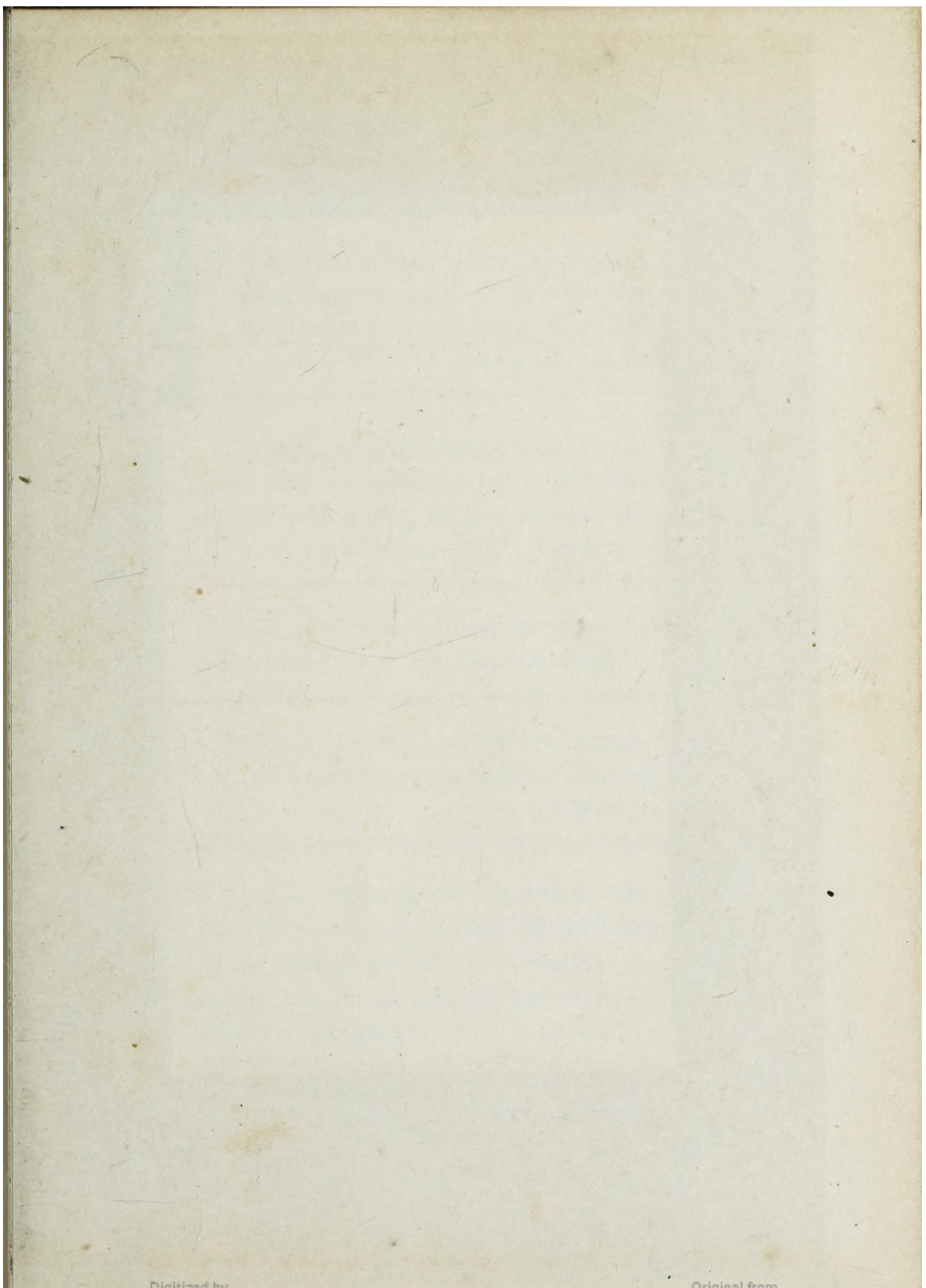
He that studieth revenge keepeth his
own wounds green. *Bacon.*

The world is an excellent judge *in*
general, but a very bad one *in parti-*
cular. *Greville.*

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by
any outward touch as the sunbeam.
Milton.

All truth is precious, if not all divine;
And what dilates the pow'rs must
needs refine. *Cowper.*

He that finds truth, without loving
her, is like a bat; which, though it have
eyes to discern that there is a sun, yet
hath so evil eyes, that it cannot delight
in the sun. *Sir Philip Sidney.*





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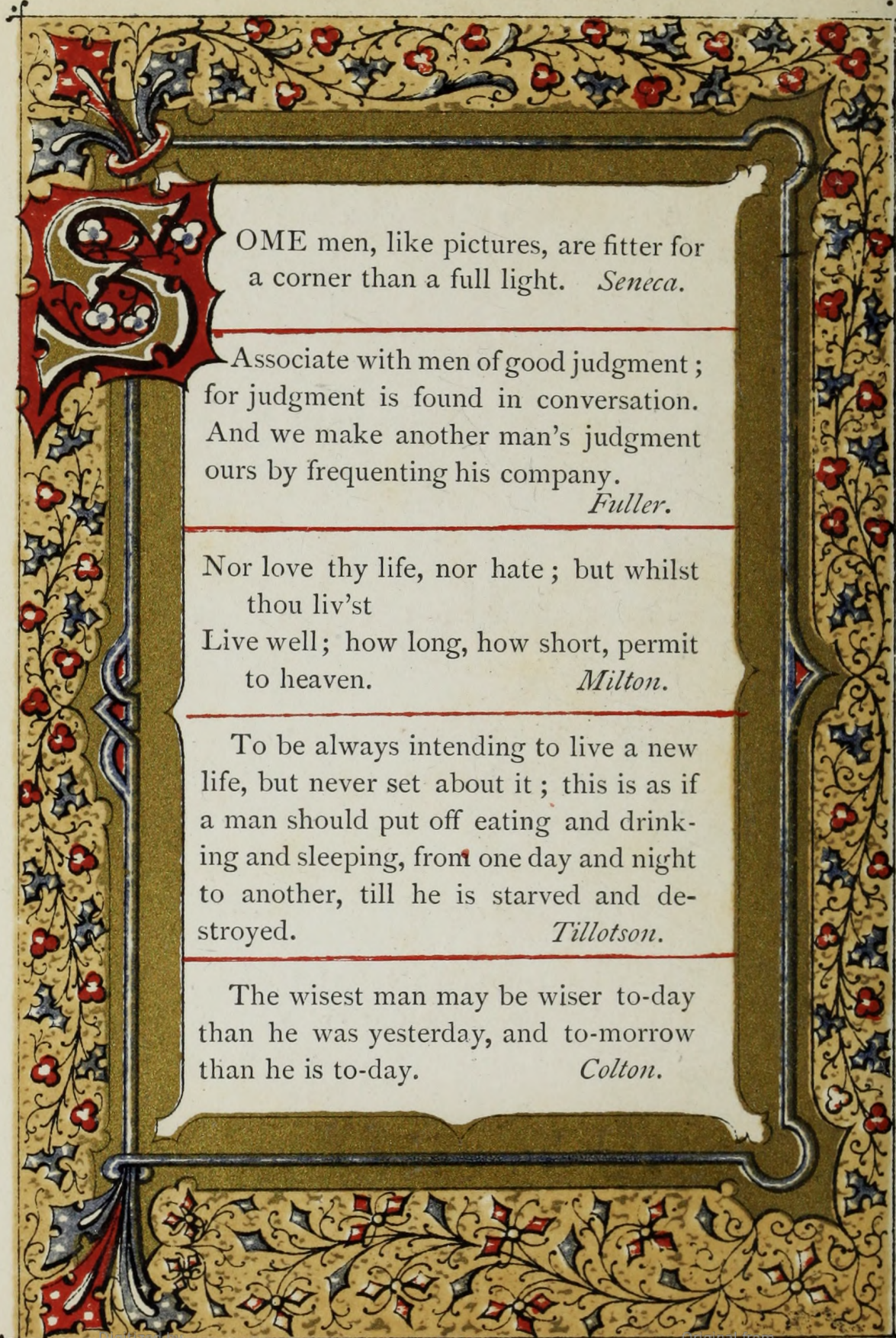
EVER speak but when you have something to say. Whereupon shouldst thou run, seeing thou hast no tidings? *Bishop Butler.*

There is no evil from which Providence may not deduce some good ; and yet the evil is not, for that reason, the less to be deprecated. *Southey.*

He that is false to God can never be true to man. *Lord Burleigh.*

It is difficult for a rich man to be humble, but impossible for a proud man to be wise. *Skelton.*

If thou expect death as a friend, prepare to entertain it ; if thou expect death as an enemy, prepare to overcome it ; death has no advantage but when it comes a stranger. *Quarles.*



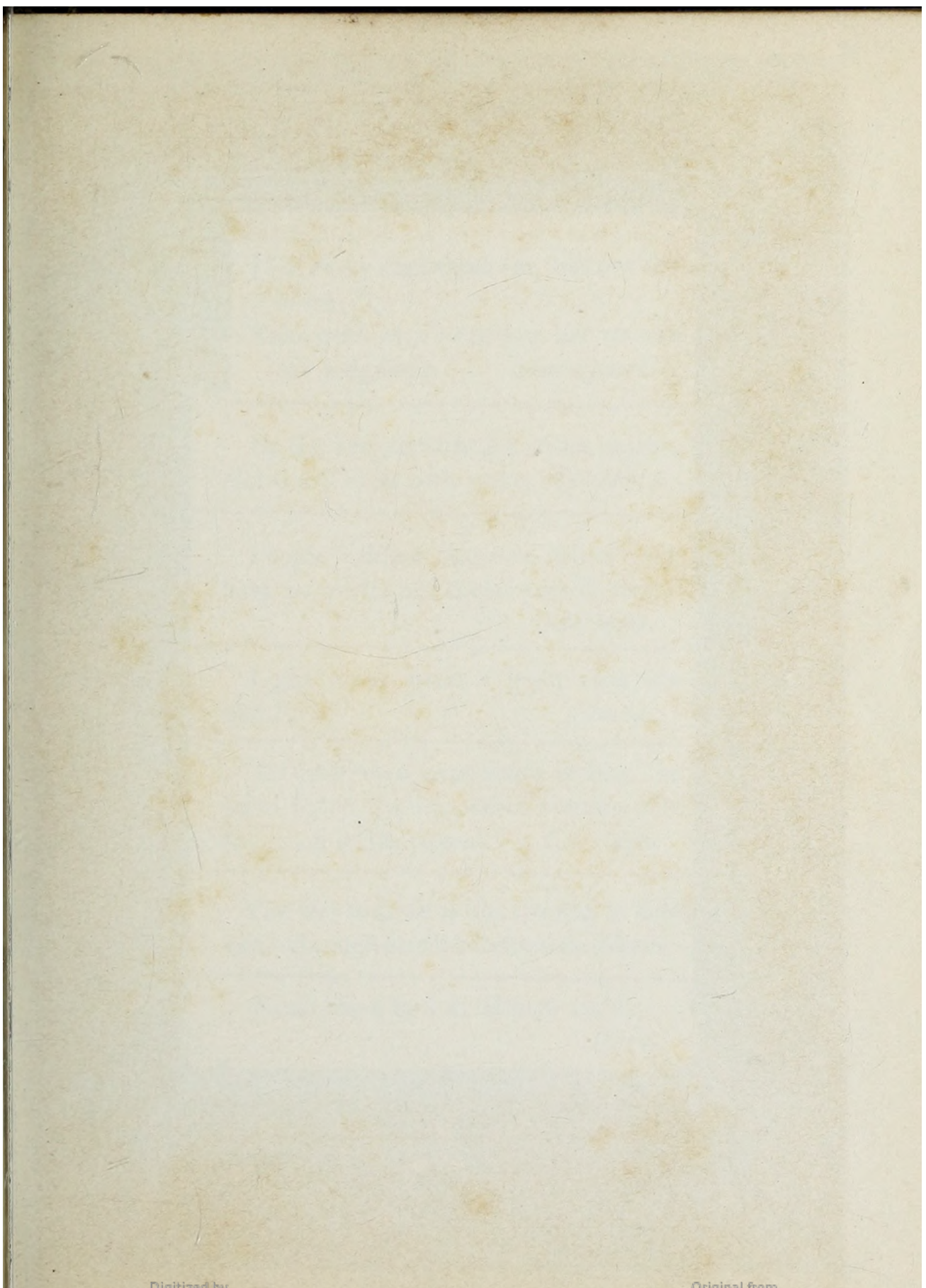
SOME men, like pictures, are fitter for
a corner than a full light. *Seneca.*

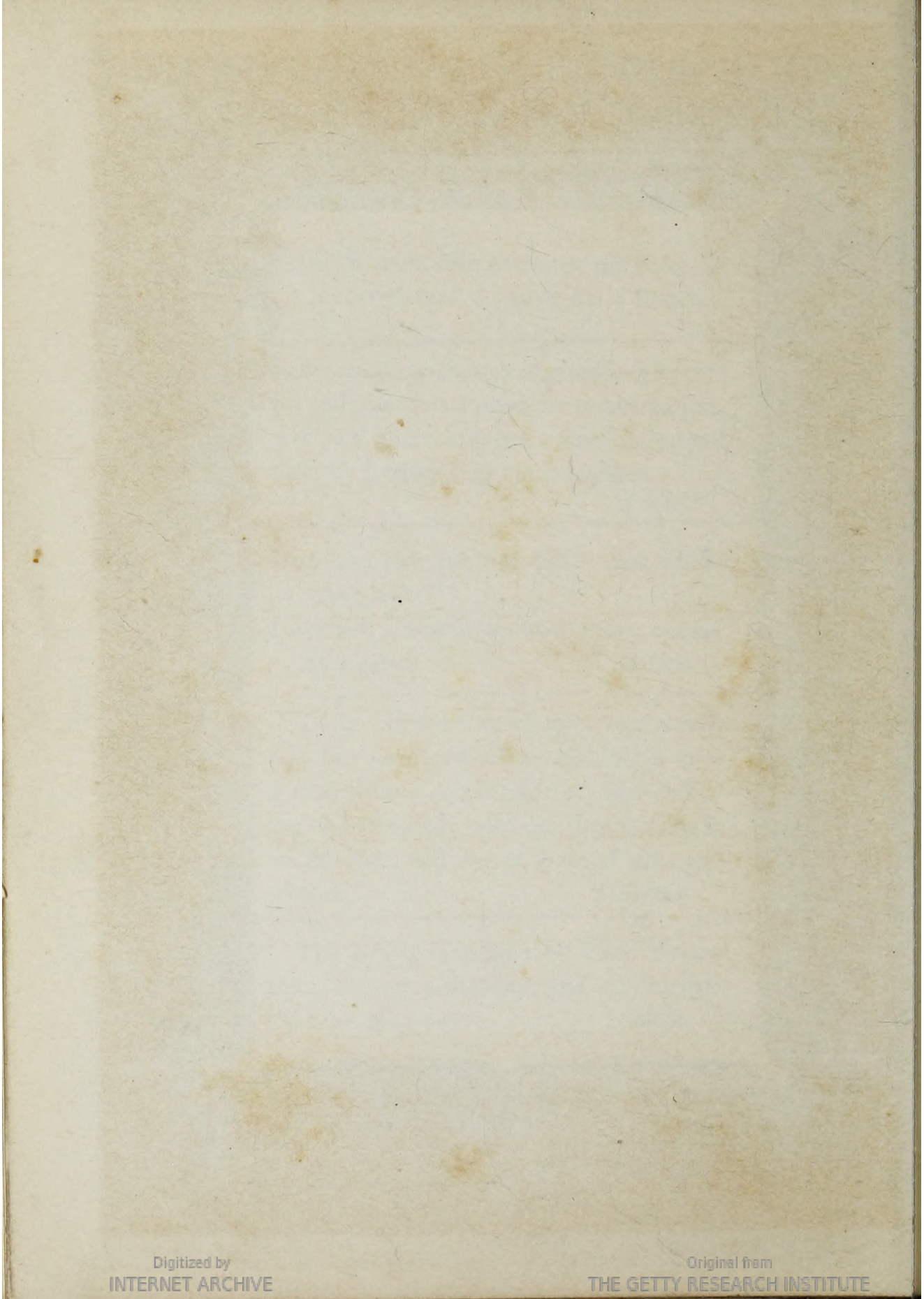
Associate with men of good judgment ;
for judgment is found in conversation.
And we make another man's judgment
ours by frequenting his company.
Fuller.

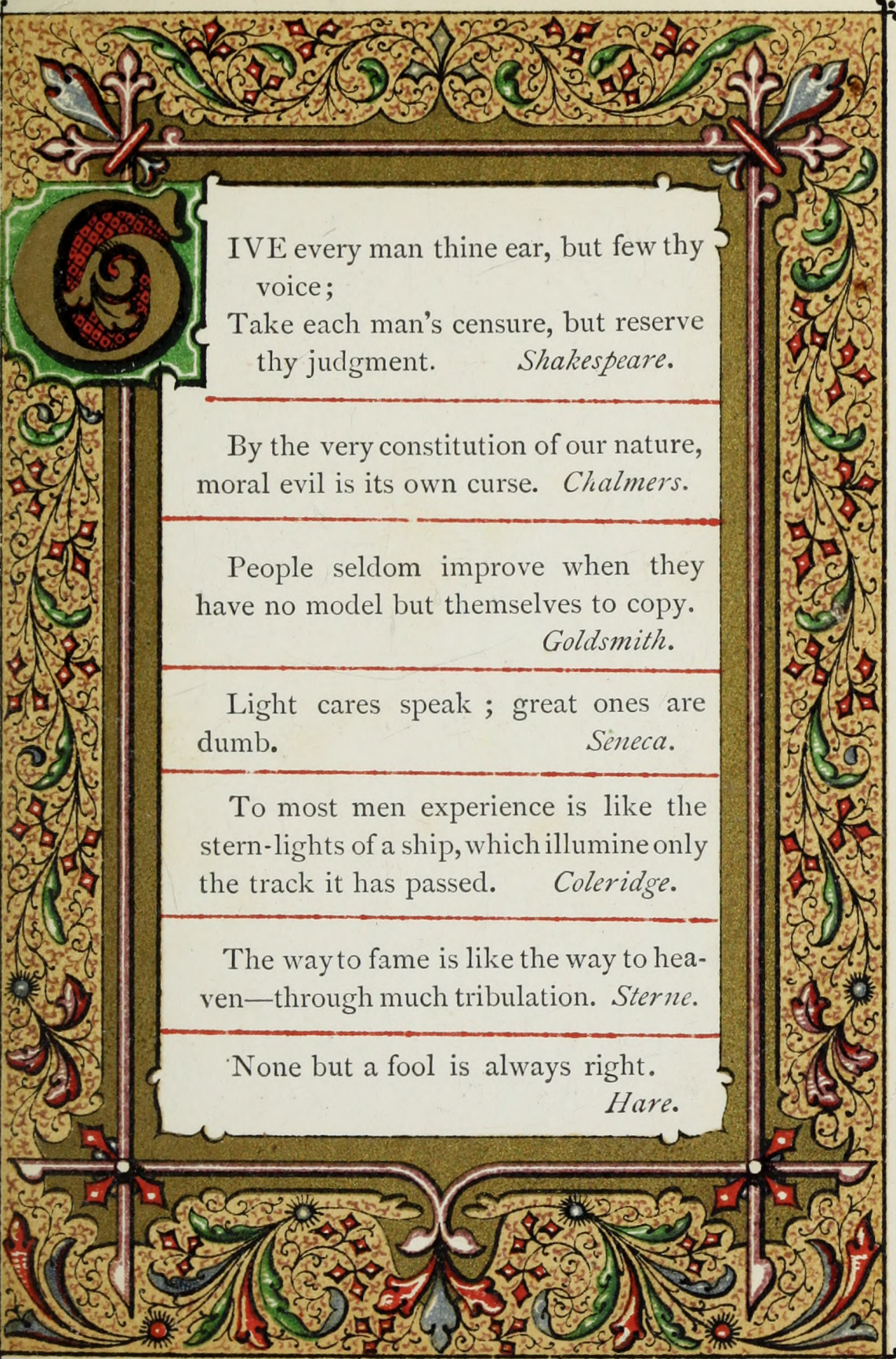
Nor love thy life, nor hate ; but whilst
thou liv'st
Live well ; how long, how short, permit
to heaven. *Milton.*

To be always intending to live a new
life, but never set about it ; this is as if
a man should put off eating and drink-
ing and sleeping, from one day and night
to another, till he is starved and de-
stroyed. *Tillotson.*

The wisest man may be wiser to-day
than he was yesterday, and to-morrow
than he is to-day. *Colton.*







G

IVE every man thine ear, but few thy
voice;
Take each man's censure, but reserve
thy judgment. *Shakespeare.*

By the very constitution of our nature,
moral evil is its own curse. *Chalmers.*

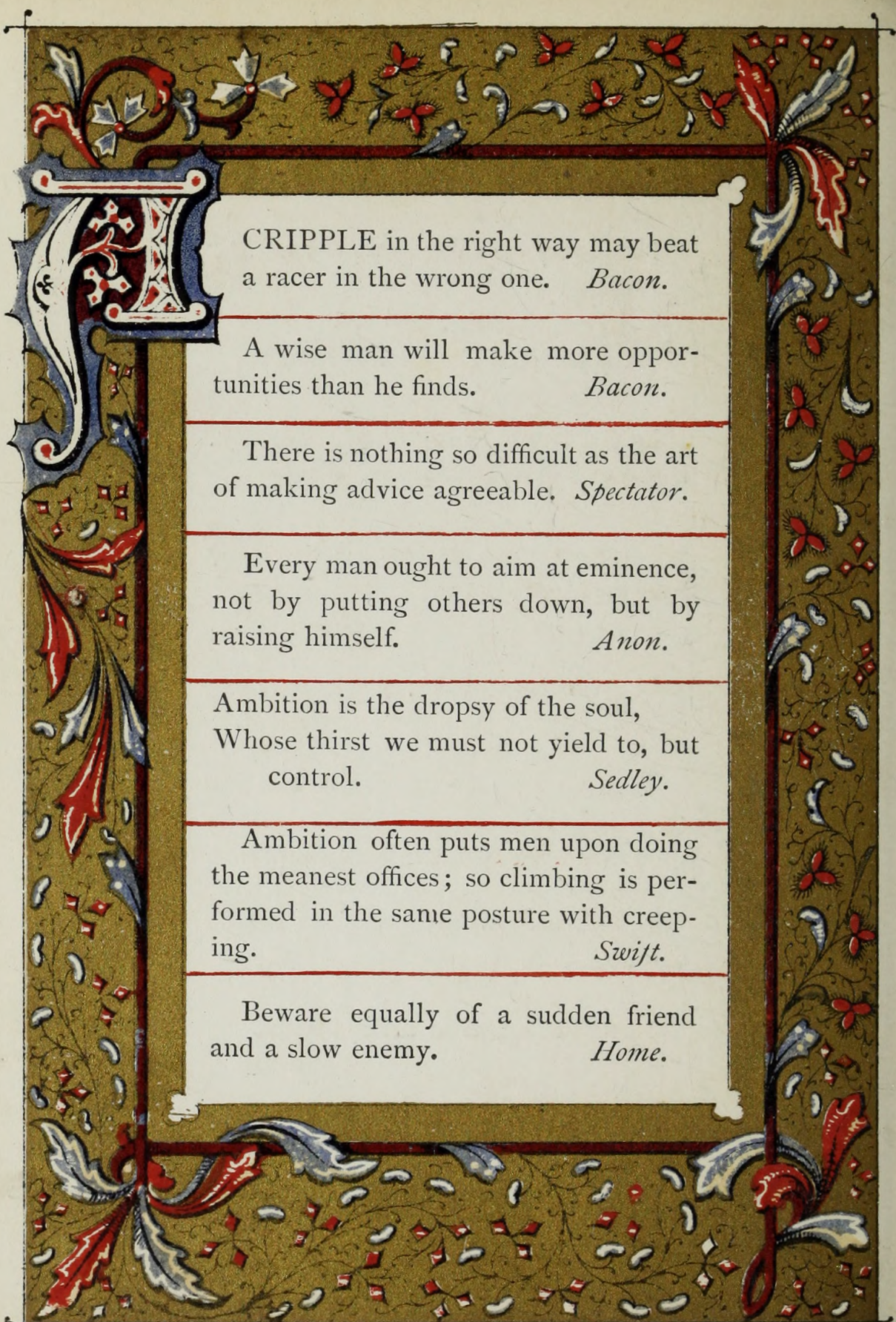
People seldom improve when they
have no model but themselves to copy.
Goldsmith.

Light cares speak ; great ones are
dumb. *Seneca.*

To most men experience is like the
stern-lights of a ship, which illumine only
the track it has passed. *Coleridge.*

The way to fame is like the way to hea-
ven—through much tribulation. *Sterne.*

None but a fool is always right.
Hare.



C

CRIPPLE in the right way may beat a racer in the wrong one. *Bacon.*

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. *Bacon.*

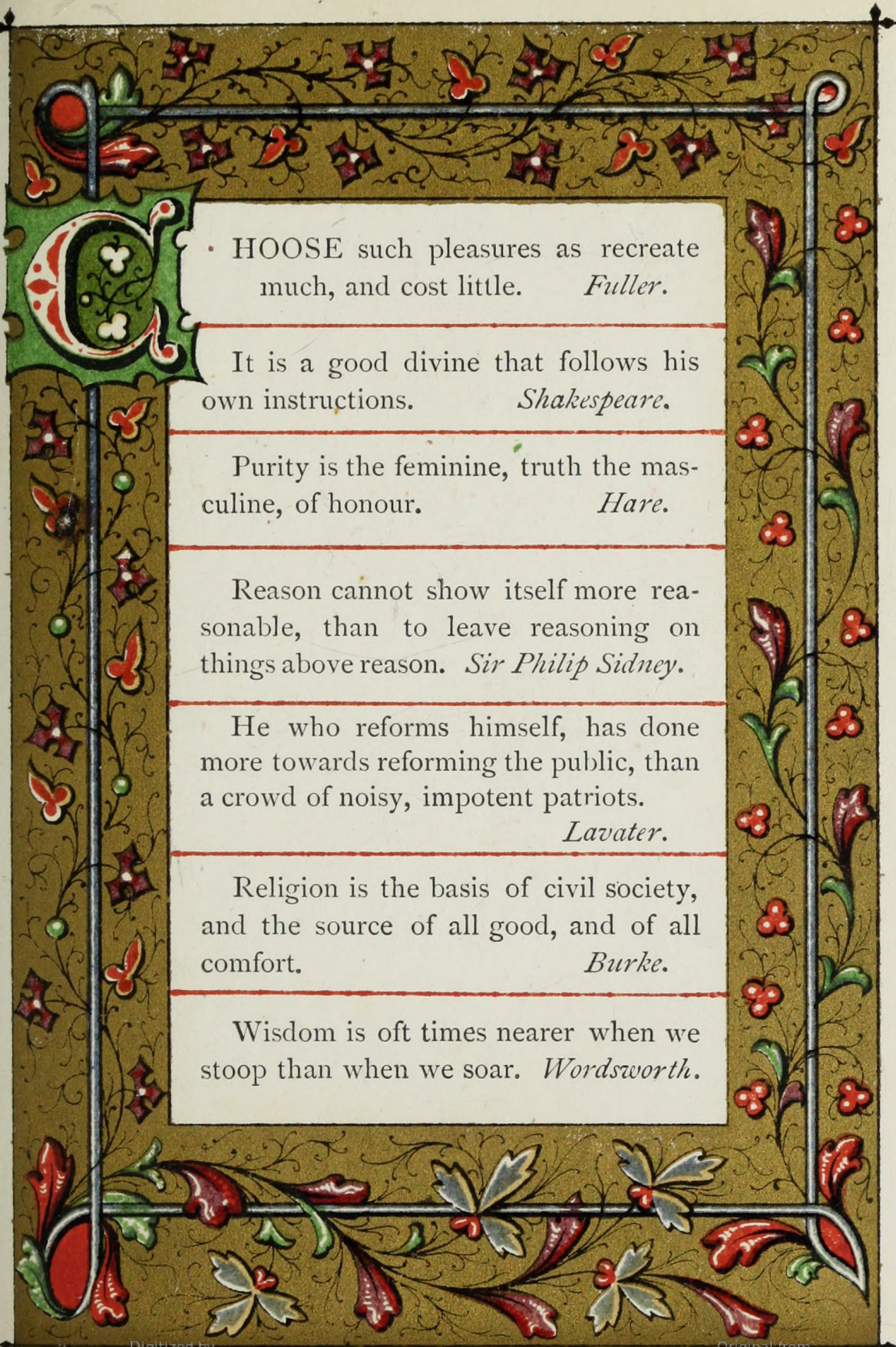
There is nothing so difficult as the art of making advice agreeable. *Spectator.*

Every man ought to aim at eminence, not by putting others down, but by raising himself. *Anon.*

Ambition is the dropsy of the soul, Whose thirst we must not yield to, but control. *Sedley.*

Ambition often puts men upon doing the meanest offices; so climbing is performed in the same posture with creeping. *Swift.*

Beware equally of a sudden friend and a slow enemy. *Home.*



C

• CHOOSE such pleasures as recreate much, and cost little. *Fuller.*

It is a good divine that follows his own instructions. *Shakespeare.*

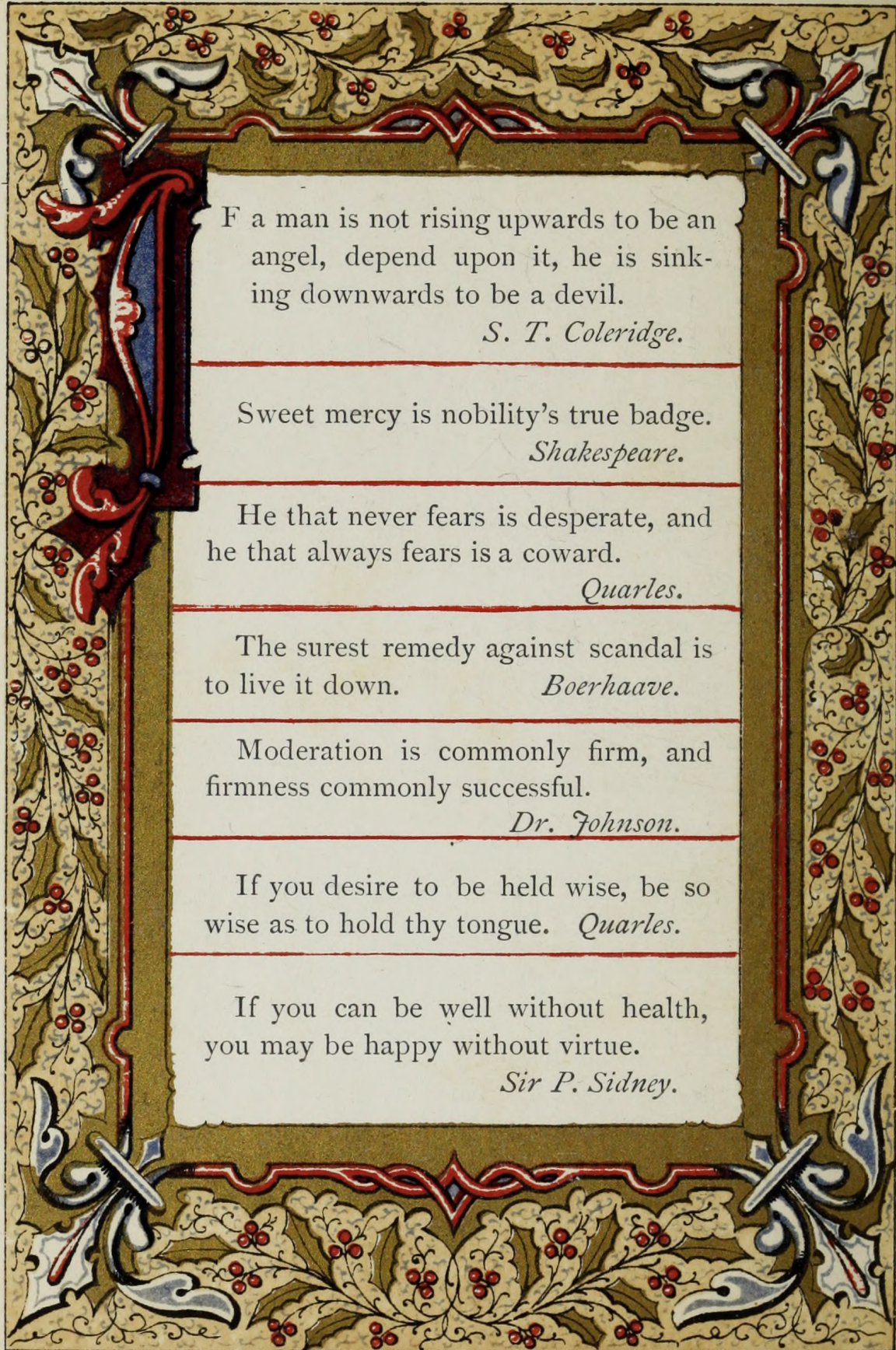
Purity is the feminine, truth the masculine, of honour. *Hare.*

Reason cannot show itself more reasonable, than to leave reasoning on things above reason. *Sir Philip Sidney.*

He who reforms himself, has done more towards reforming the public, than a crowd of noisy, impotent patriots. *Lavater.*

Religion is the basis of civil society, and the source of all good, and of all comfort. *Burke.*

Wisdom is oft times nearer when we stoop than when we soar. *Wordsworth.*



F a man is not rising upwards to be an angel, depend upon it, he is sinking downwards to be a devil.

S. T. Coleridge.

Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge.

Shakespeare.

He that never fears is desperate, and he that always fears is a coward.

Quarles.

The surest remedy against scandal is to live it down.

Boerhaave.

Moderation is commonly firm, and firmness commonly successful.

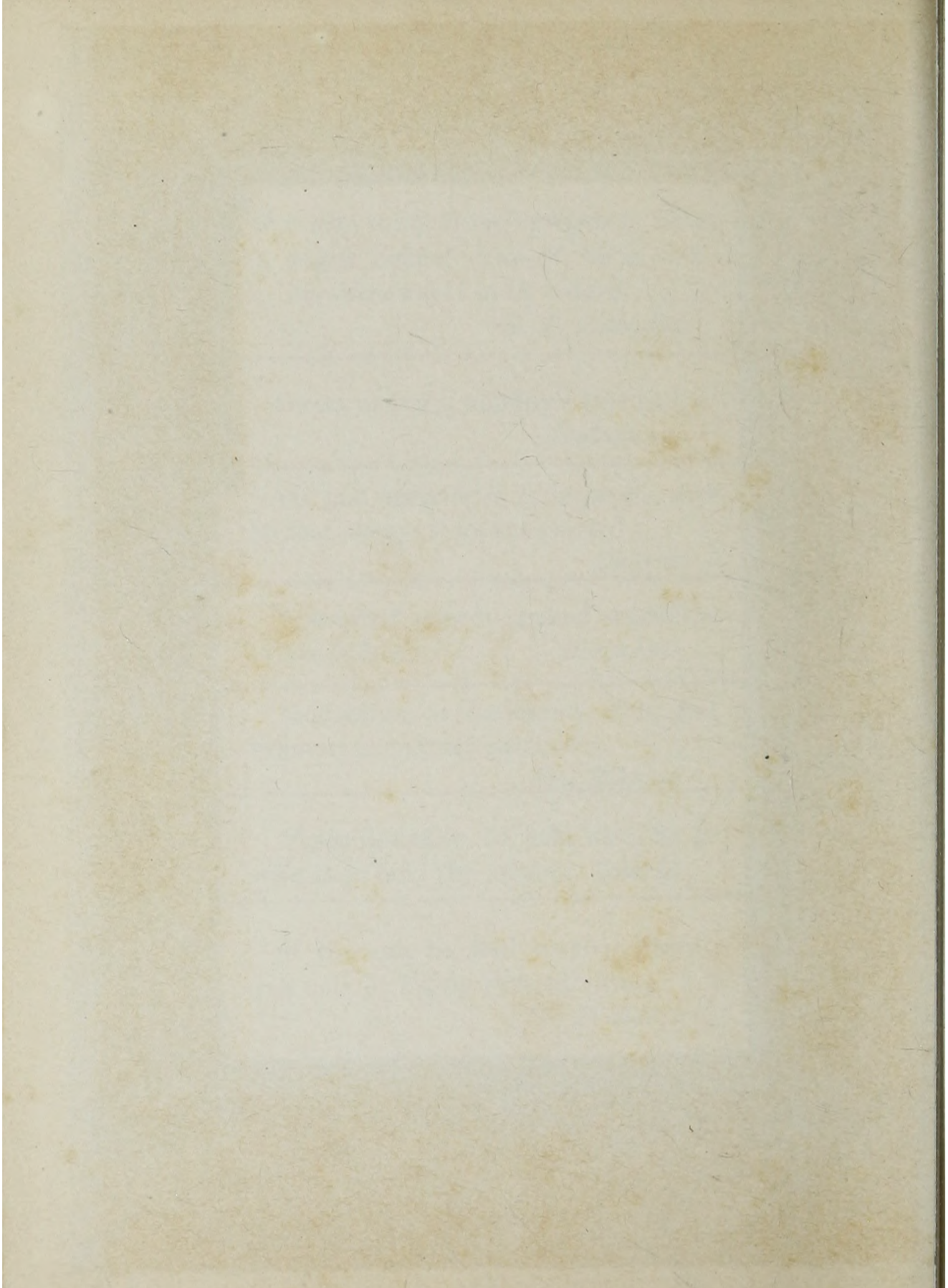
Dr. Johnson.

If you desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.

Quarles.

If you can be well without health, you may be happy without virtue.

Sir P. Sidney.



A

ABSENCE of occupation is not rest,
A mind quite vacant, is a mind
distress'd. *Cowper.*

He hath riches sufficient who hath
enough to be charitable.
Sir T. Browne.

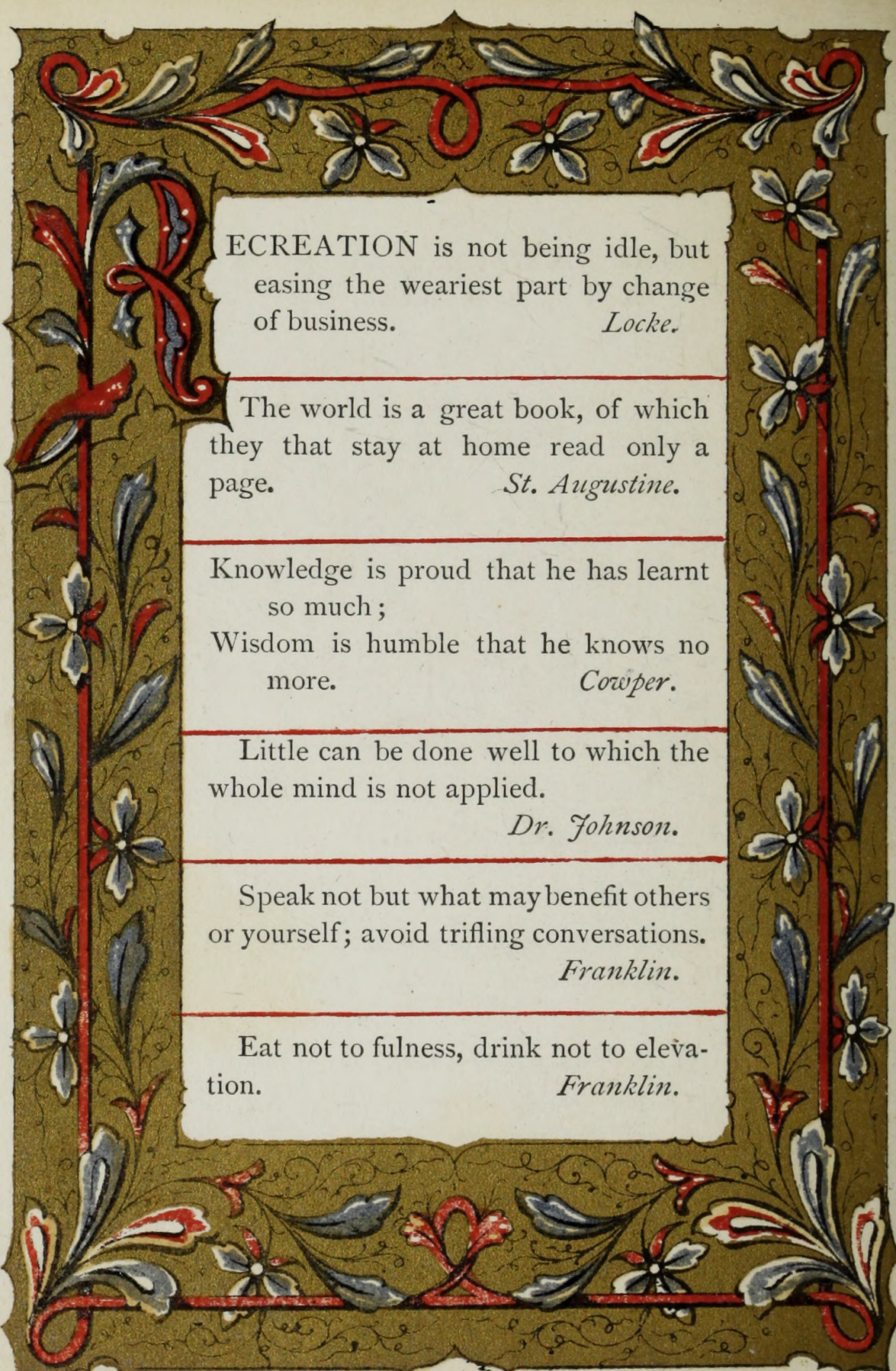
A surfeit of the sweetest things
The deepest loathing to the stomach
brings. *Shakespeare.*

The intermediate seasons of the man
of pleasure are more heavy than one
would impose upon the vilest criminal.
Steele.

Human knowledge is the parent of
doubt. *Greville.*

No man was ever so much deceived
by another as by himself. *Greville.*

There's not one wise man among twenty
will praise himself. *Shakespeare.*



RECREATION is not being idle, but
easing the weariest part by change
of business. *Locke.*

The world is a great book, of which
they that stay at home read only a
page. *St. Augustine.*

Knowledge is proud that he has learnt
so much;
Wisdom is humble that he knows no
more. *Cowper.*

Little can be done well to which the
whole mind is not applied.
Dr. Johnson.

Speak not but what may benefit others
or yourself; avoid trifling conversations.
Franklin.

Eat not to fulness, drink not to eleva-
tion. *Franklin.*



LEEP is death's younger brother, and
so like him, that I never dare trust him
without my prayers. *Sir T. Browne.*

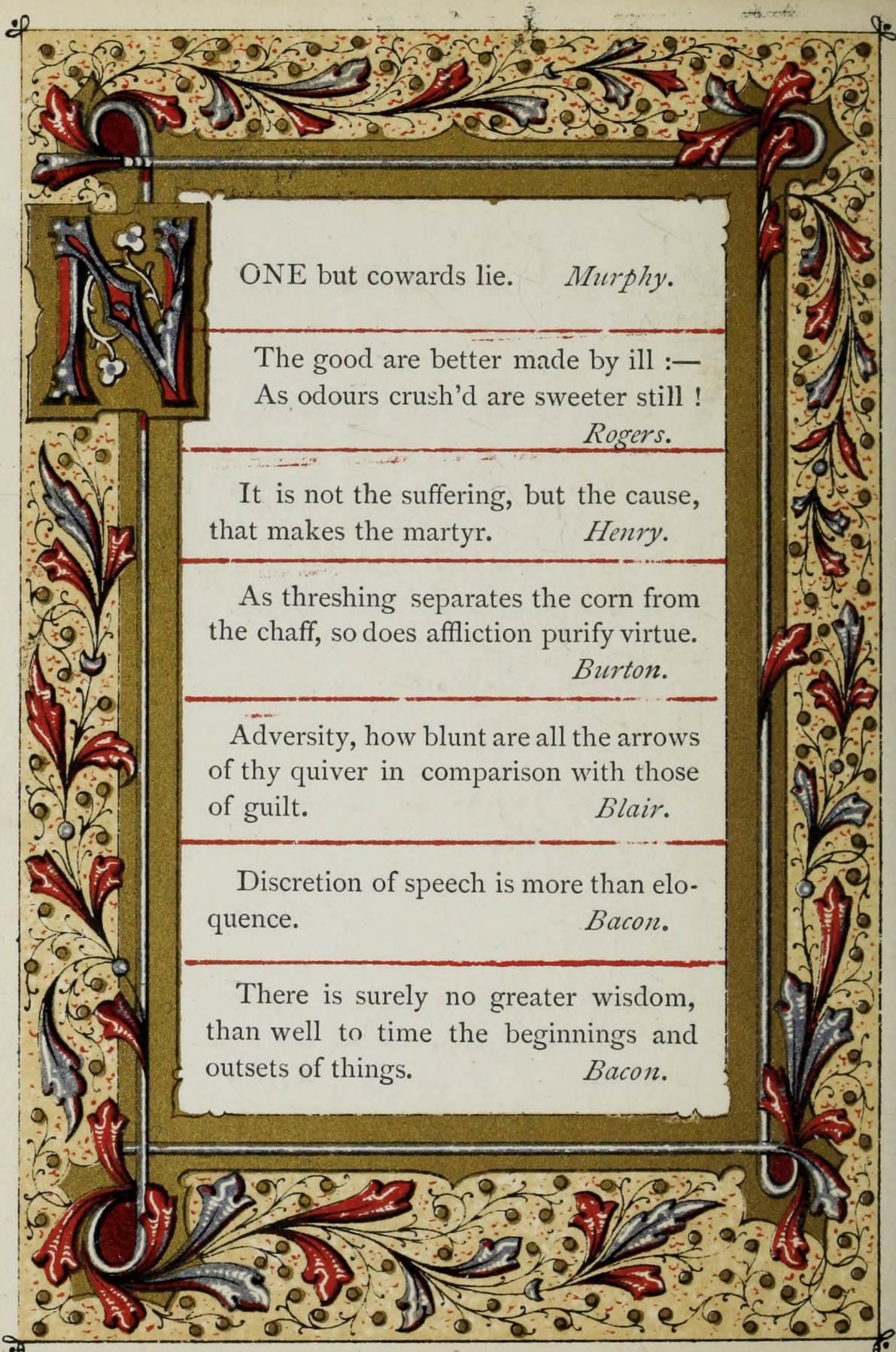
Solitude is sometimes best society,
And short retirement urges sweet re-
turn. *Milton.*

Through the wide world he only is alone
Who lives not for another. *Rogers.*

There can be no Christianity where
there is no charity. *Colton.*

What you keep by you, you may change
and mend;
But words once spoken can never be
recall'd. *Roscommon.*

Temperance is a bridle of gold; he
who uses it rightly, is more like a god
than a man. *Burton.*



N

ONE but cowards lie. *Murphy.*

The good are better made by ill :—
As odours crush'd are sweeter still !

Rogers.

It is not the suffering, but the cause,
that makes the martyr. *Henry.*

As threshing separates the corn from
the chaff, so does affliction purify virtue.

Burton.

Adversity, how blunt are all the arrows
of thy quiver in comparison with those
of guilt.

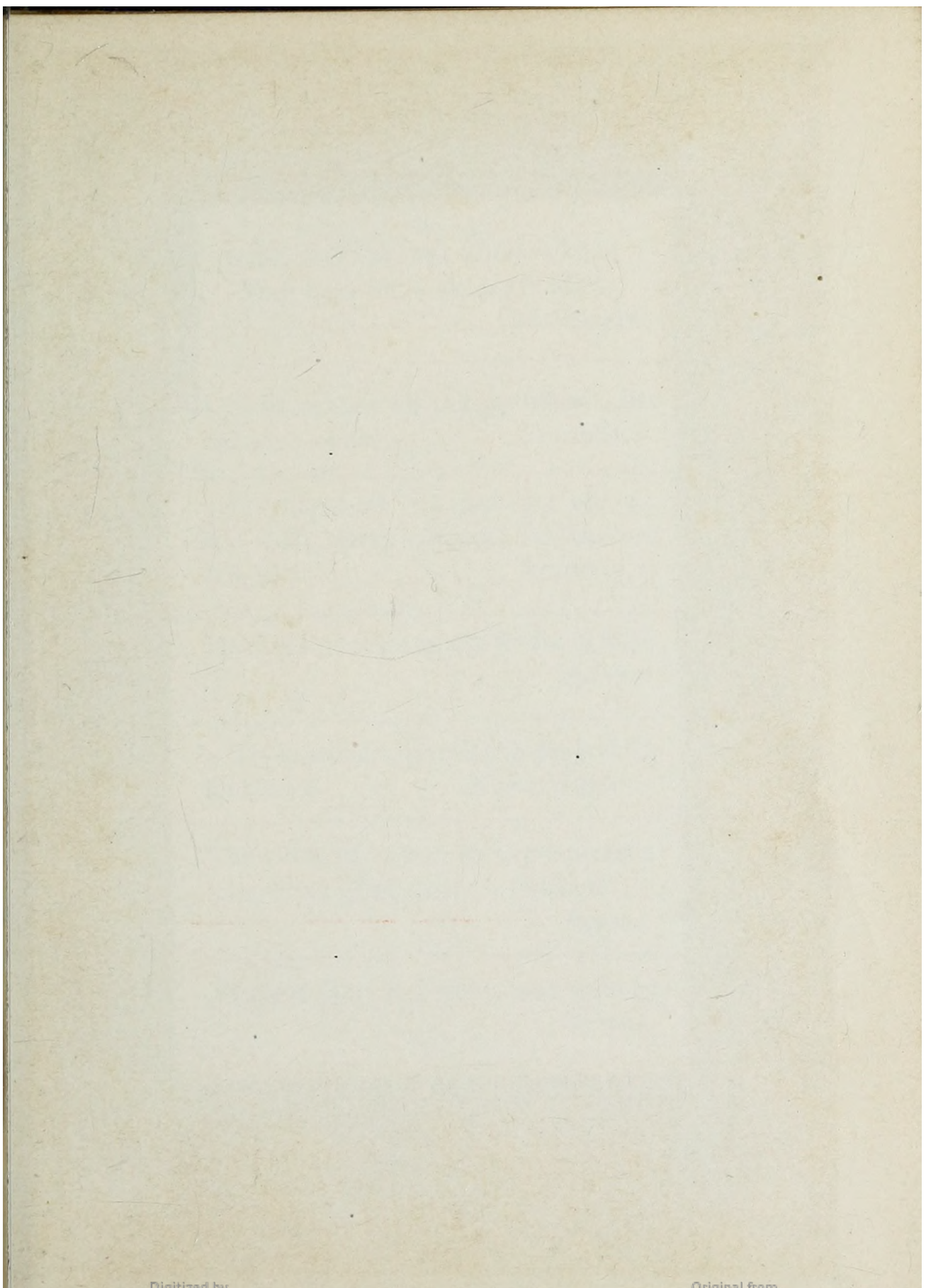
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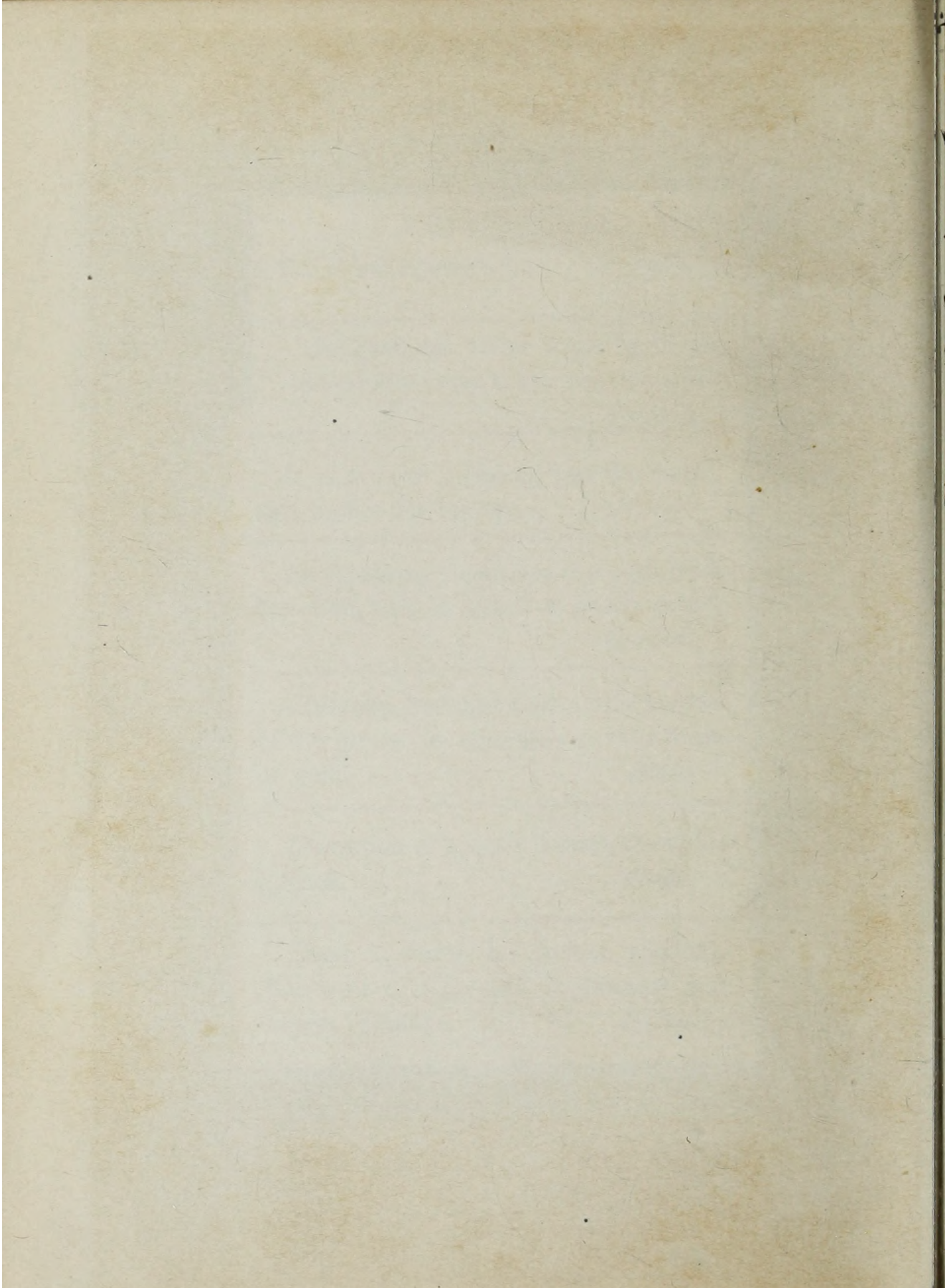
Discretion of speech is more than elo-
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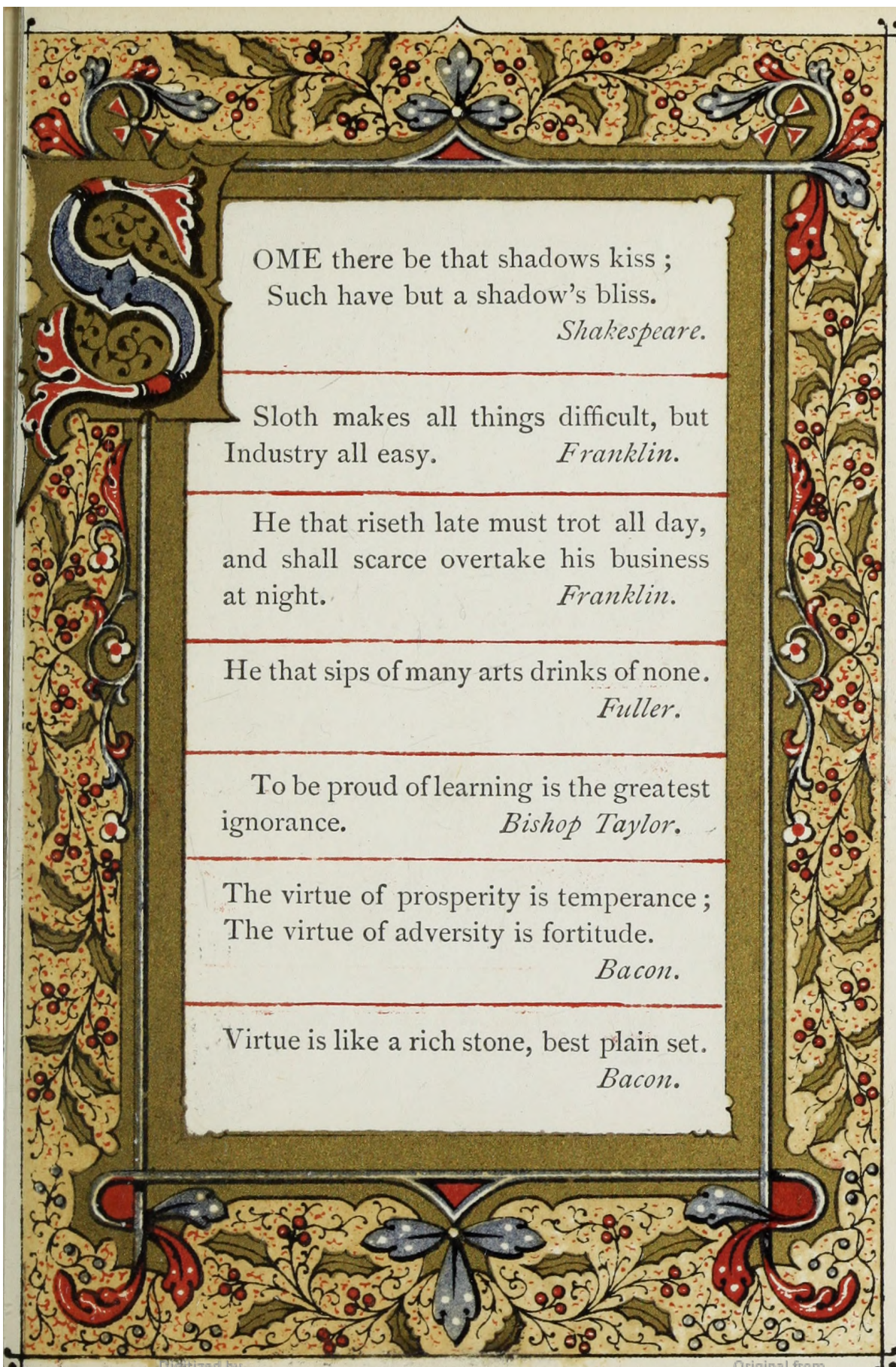
Bacon.

There is surely no greater wisdom,
than well to time the beginnings and
outsets of things.

Bacon.







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SOME there be that shadows kiss ;
Such have but a shadow's bliss.
Shakespeare.

Sloth makes all things difficult, but
Industry all easy. *Franklin.*

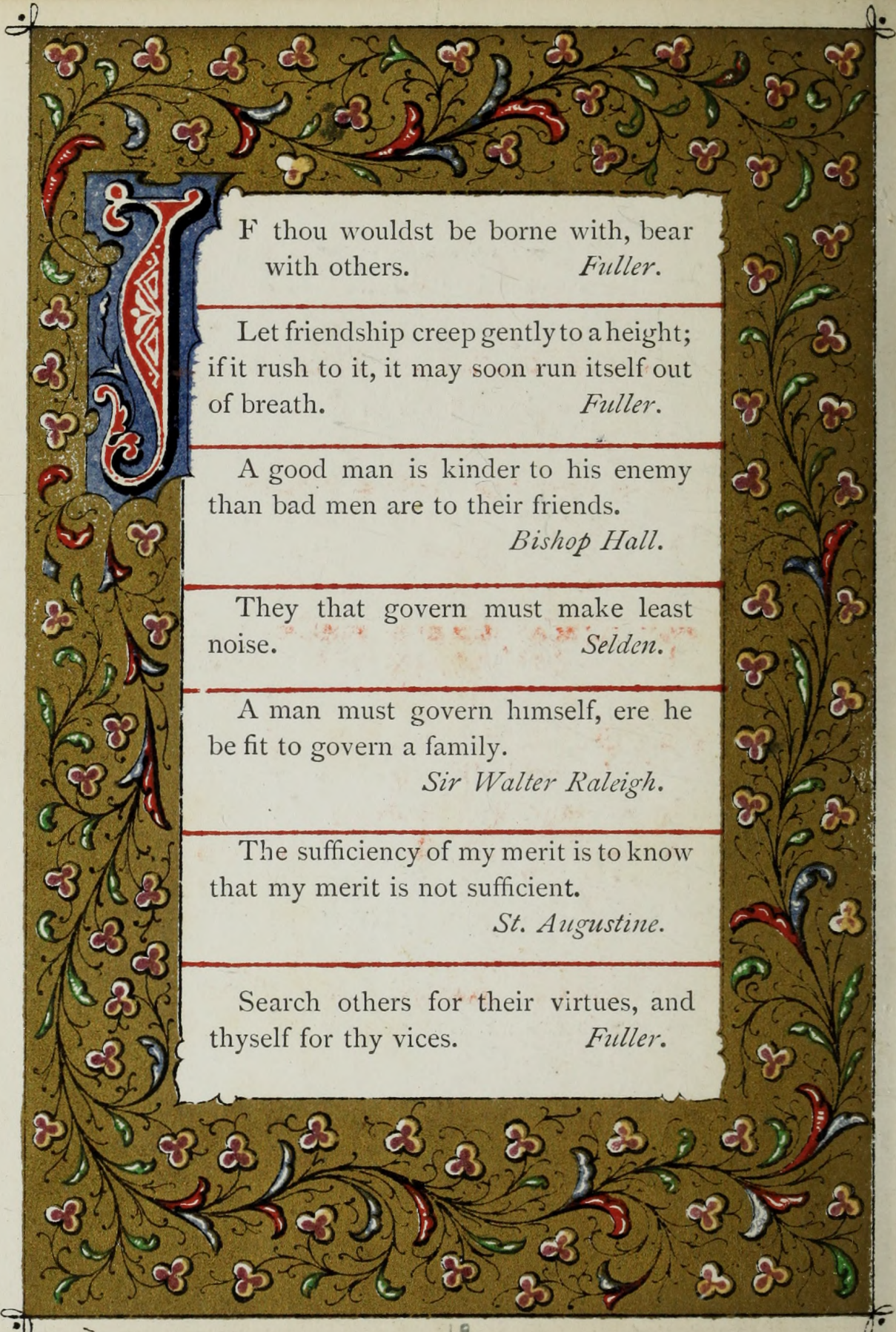
He that riseth late must trot all day,
and shall scarce overtake his business
at night. *Franklin.*

He that sips of many arts drinks of none.
Fuller.

To be proud of learning is the greatest
ignorance. *Bishop Taylor.*

The virtue of prosperity is temperance ;
The virtue of adversity is fortitude.
Bacon.

Virtue is like a rich stone, best plain set.
Bacon.



F

If thou wouldst be borne with, bear
with others. *Fuller.*

Let friendship creep gently to a height;
if it rush to it, it may soon run itself out
of breath. *Fuller.*

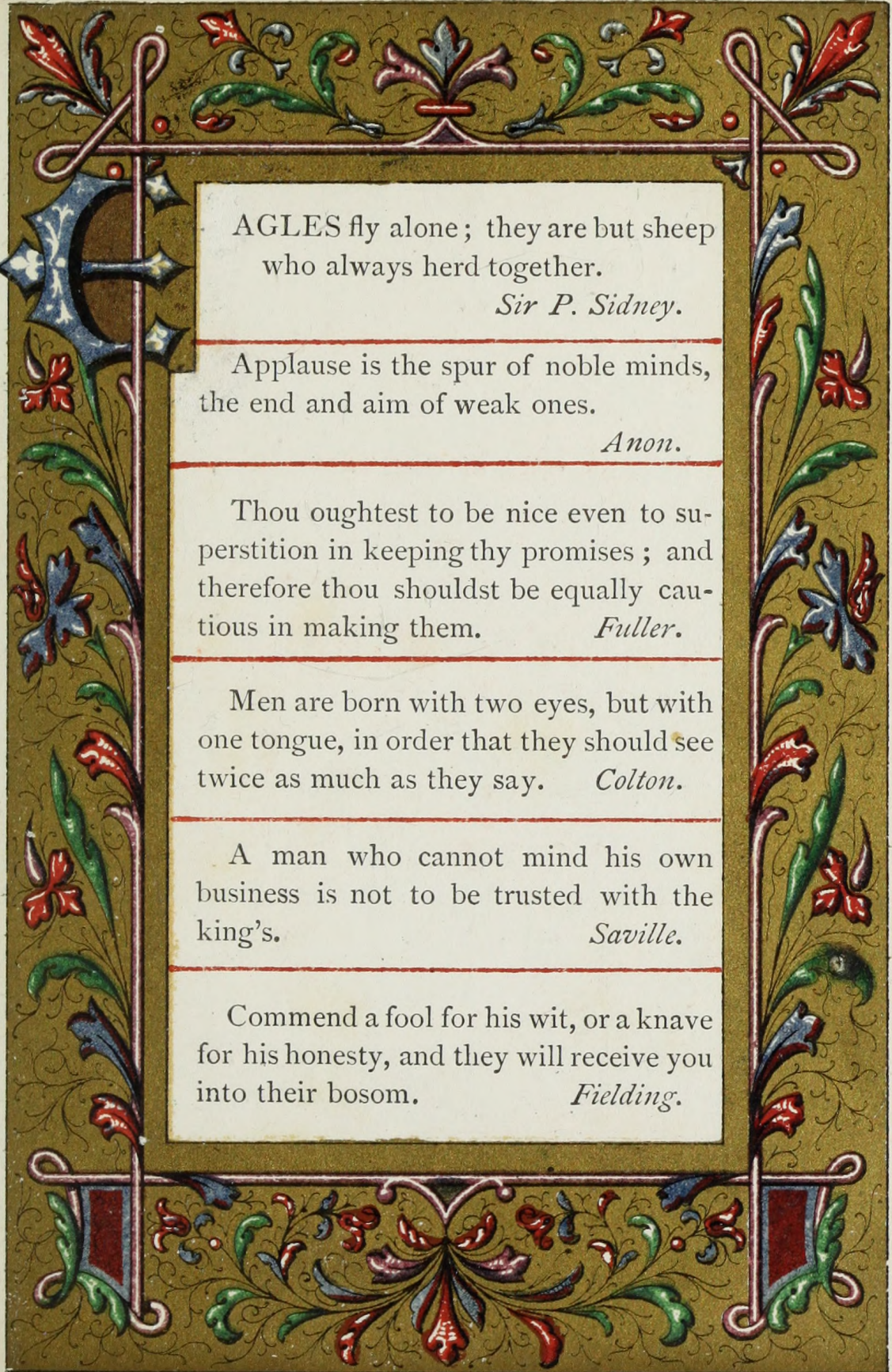
A good man is kinder to his enemy
than bad men are to their friends.
Bishop Hall.

They that govern must make least
noise. *Selden.*

A man must govern himself, ere he
be fit to govern a family.
Sir Walter Raleigh.

The sufficiency of my merit is to know
that my merit is not sufficient.
St. Augustine.

Search others for their virtues, and
thyself for thy vices. *Fuller.*



AGLES fly alone; they are but sheep
who always herd together.

Sir P. Sidney.

Applause is the spur of noble minds,
the end and aim of weak ones.

Anon.

Thou oughtest to be nice even to su-
perstition in keeping thy promises; and
therefore thou shouldst be equally cau-
tious in making them.

Fuller.

Men are born with two eyes, but with
one tongue, in order that they should see
twice as much as they say.

Colton.

A man who cannot mind his own
business is not to be trusted with the
king's.

Saville.

Commend a fool for his wit, or a knave
for his honesty, and they will receive you
into their bosom.

Fielding.



W

IT is brushwood, judgment timber :
the one gives the greatest flame, the
other yields the durablest heat ; and
both meeting make the best fire.

Sir Thomas Overbury.

Prize the word of God by the worth
of it, that you may not come to prize it
by the want of it.

Dyer.

Man was meant to be not the slave,
but the master of circumstances.

Kingsley.

A good word is an easy obligation ;
but not to speak ill, requires only our
silence, which costs us nothing.

Tillotson.

To begin sin, is to lay a foundation
for a continuance.

Bunyan.

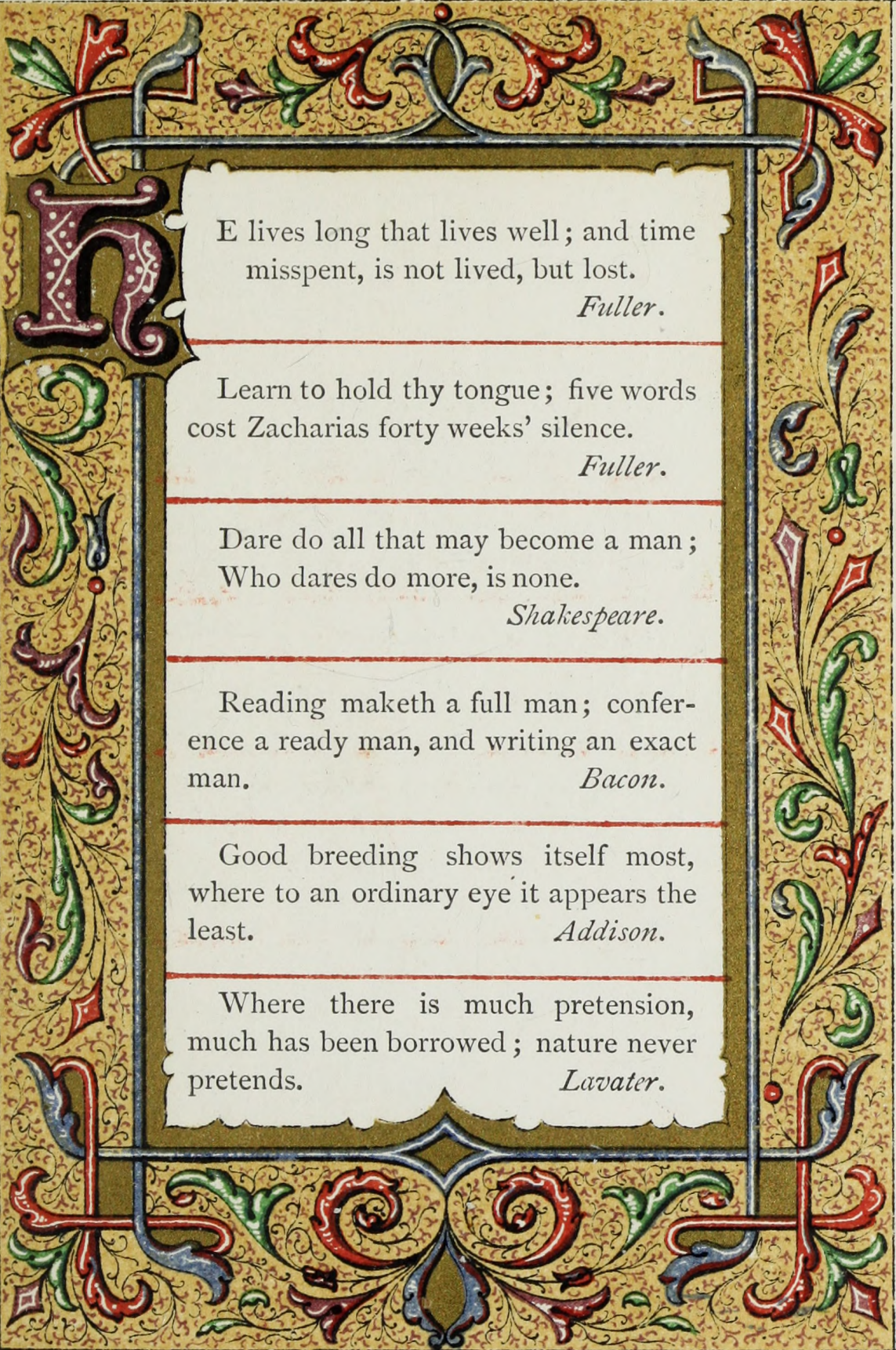
When thou prayest, rather let thy
heart be without *words*, than thy words
without *heart*.

Bunyan.

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E lives long that lives well ; and time
misspent, is not lived, but lost.

Fuller.

Learn to hold thy tongue ; five words
cost Zacharias forty weeks' silence.

Fuller.

Dare do all that may become a man ;
Who dares do more, is none.

Shakespeare.

Reading maketh a full man ; confer-
ence a ready man, and writing an exact
man.

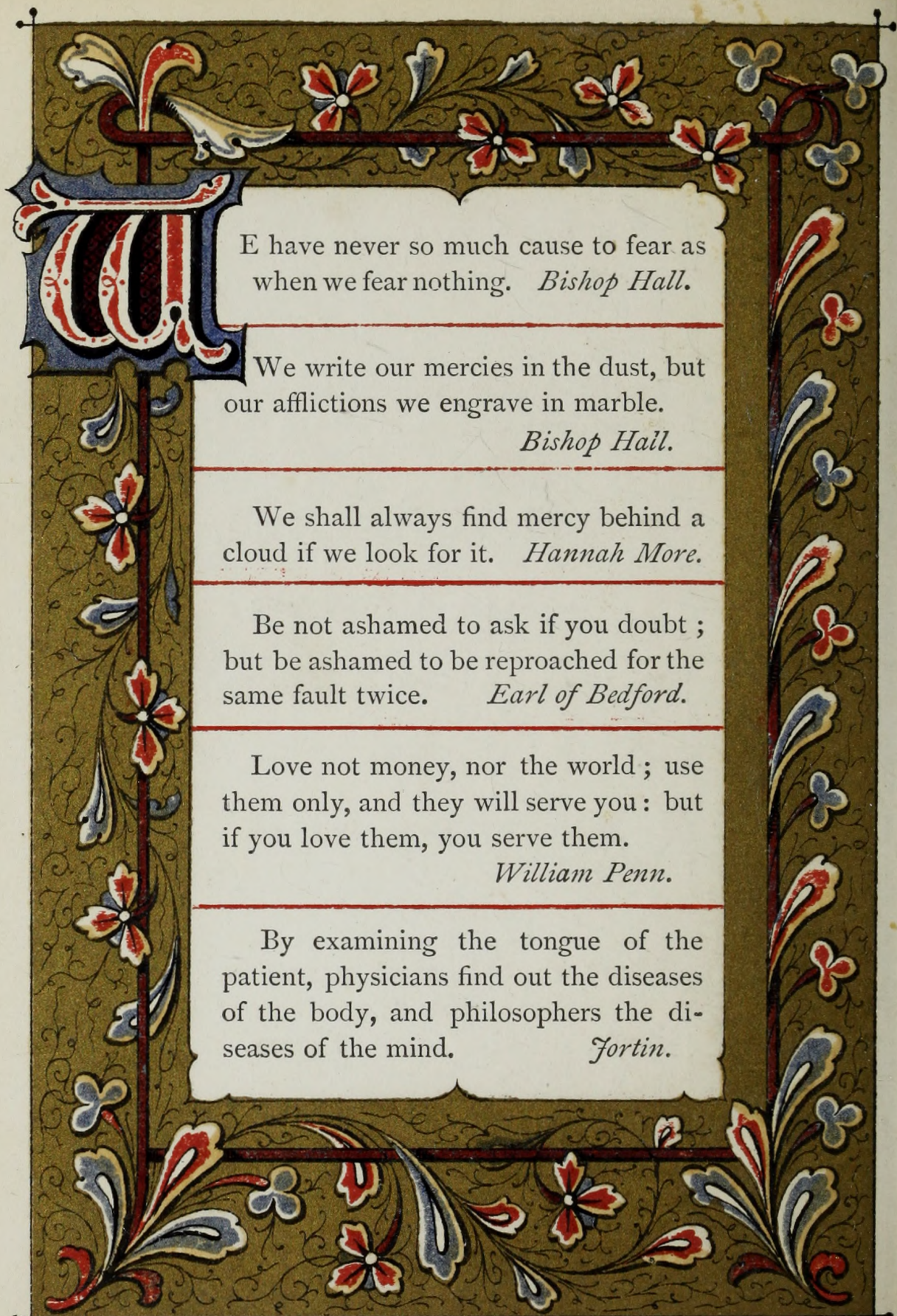
Bacon.

Good breeding shows itself most,
where to an ordinary eye it appears the
least.

Addison.

Where there is much pretension,
much has been borrowed ; nature never
pretends.

Lavater.



W

E have never so much cause to fear as when we fear nothing. *Bishop Hall.*

We write our mercies in the dust, but our afflictions we engrave in marble. *Bishop Hall.*

We shall always find mercy behind a cloud if we look for it. *Hannah More.*

Be not ashamed to ask if you doubt ; but be ashamed to be reproached for the same fault twice. *Earl of Bedford.*

Love not money, nor the world ; use them only, and they will serve you : but if you love them, you serve them. *William Penn.*

By examining the tongue of the patient, physicians find out the diseases of the body, and philosophers the diseases of the mind. *Fortin.*

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EN are sometimes accused of pride,
merely because their accusers would
be proud in their places. *Shenstone.*

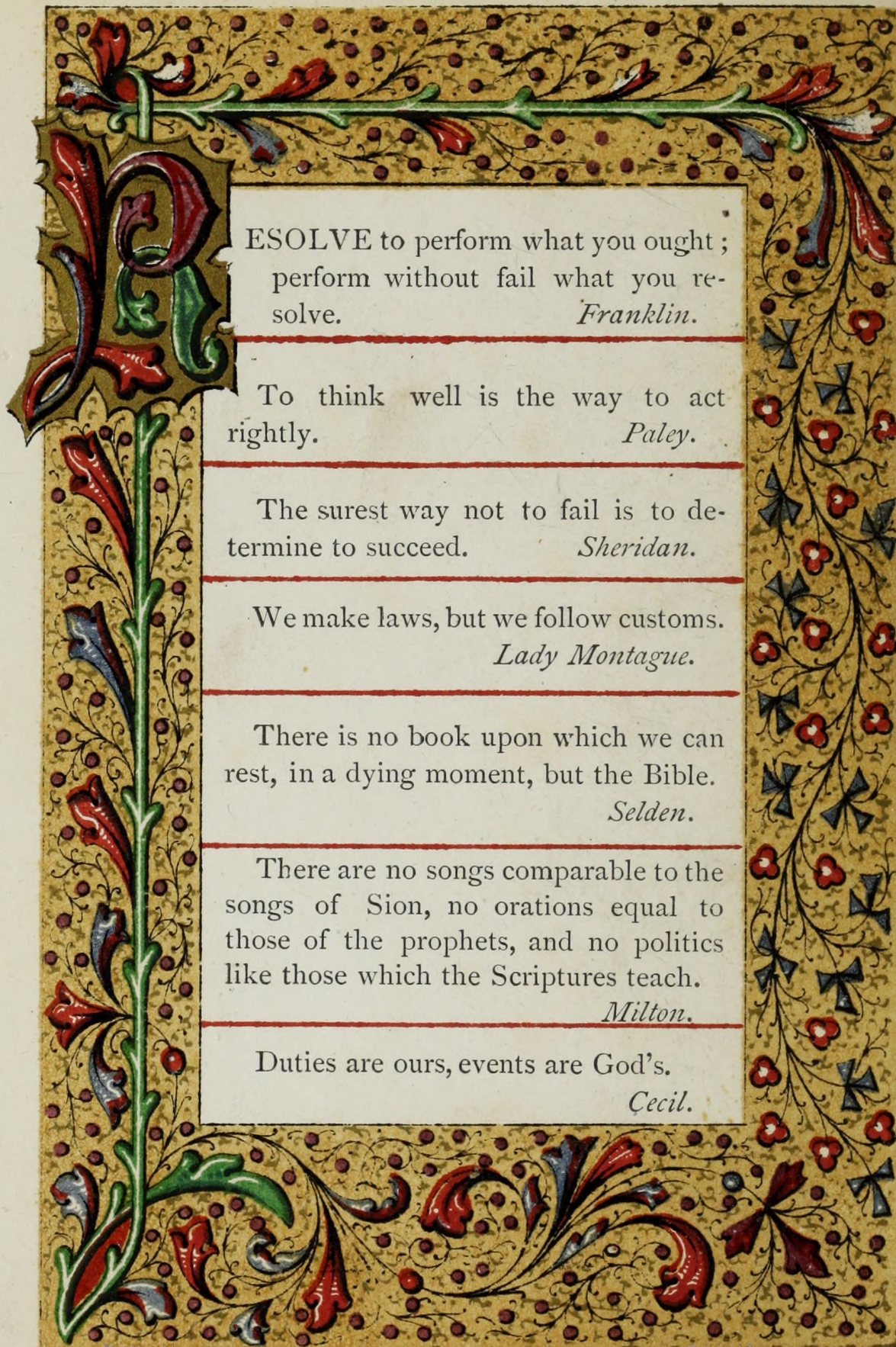
Be wise to-day ; 'tis madness to defer ;
Next day the fatal precedent will plead ;
Thus on, till wisdom is push'd out of
life. *Young.*

If thou art a master, be sometimes
blind ; if a servant, sometimes deaf.
Fuller.

Murmur at nothing ; if our ills are
reparable, it is ungrateful ; if remedi-
less, it is vain. *Colton.*

In contemplation of created things
By steps we may ascend to God.
Milton.

The seeds of repentance are sown in
youth by pleasure ; but the harvest is
reaped in age by pain. *Colton.*



RESOLVE to perform what you ought ;
perform without fail what you re-
solve. *Franklin.*

To think well is the way to act
rightly. *Paley.*

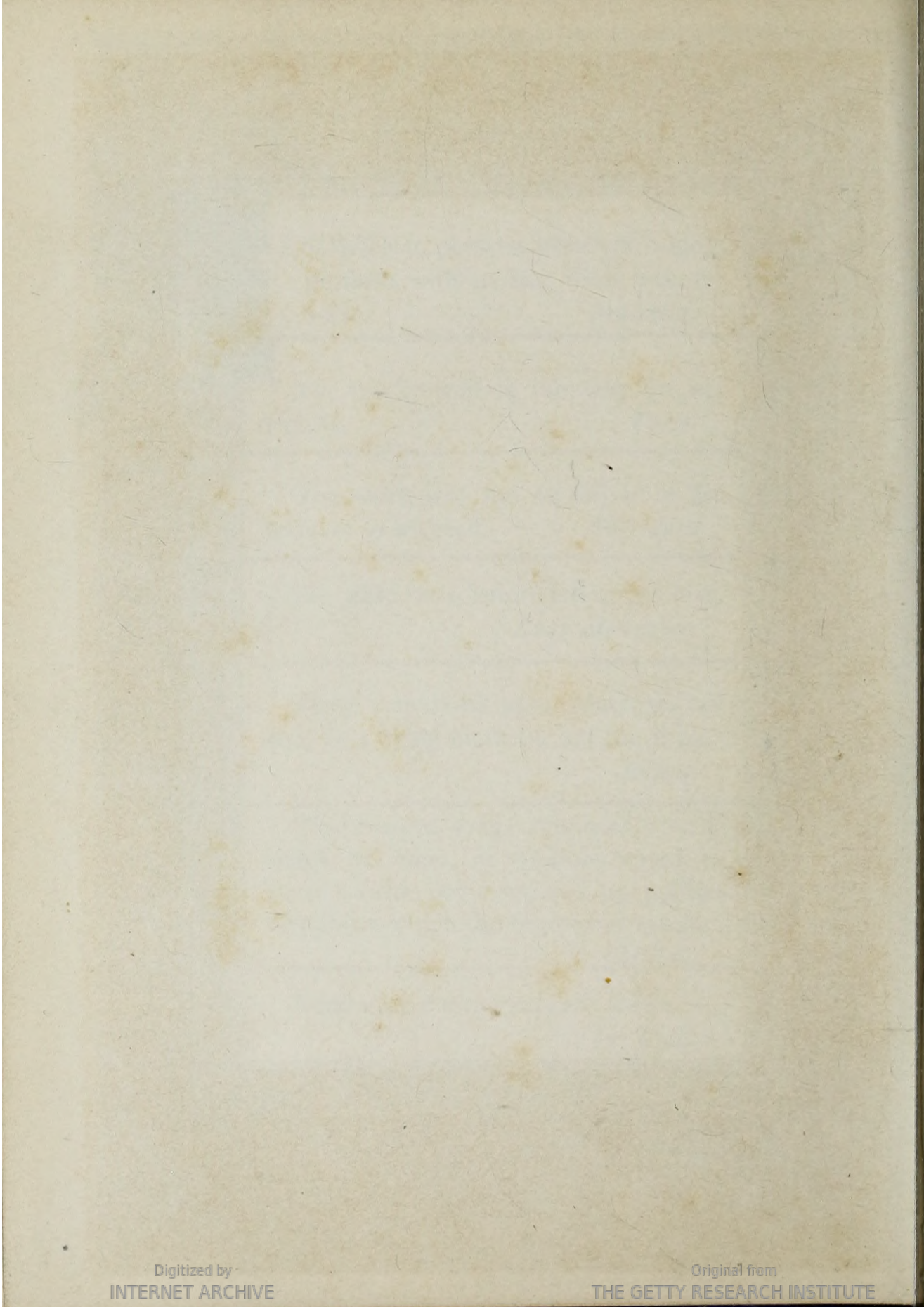
The surest way not to fail is to de-
termine to succeed. *Sheridan.*

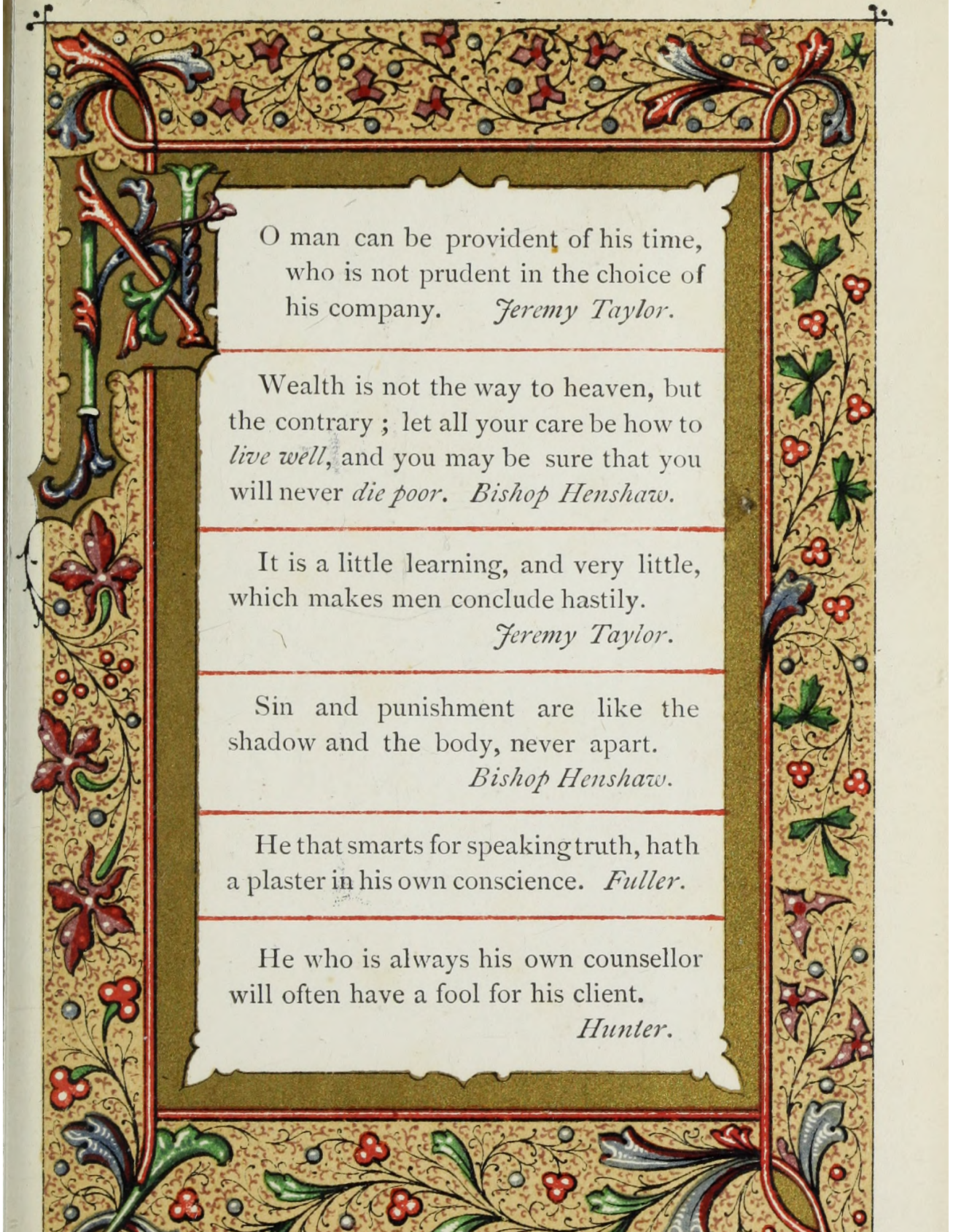
We make laws, but we follow customs.
Lady Montague.

There is no book upon which we can
rest, in a dying moment, but the Bible.
Selden.

There are no songs comparable to the
songs of Sion, no orations equal to
those of the prophets, and no politics
like those which the Scriptures teach.
Milton.

Duties are ours, events are God's.
Cecil.





O man can be provident of his time,
who is not prudent in the choice of
his company. *Jeremy Taylor.*

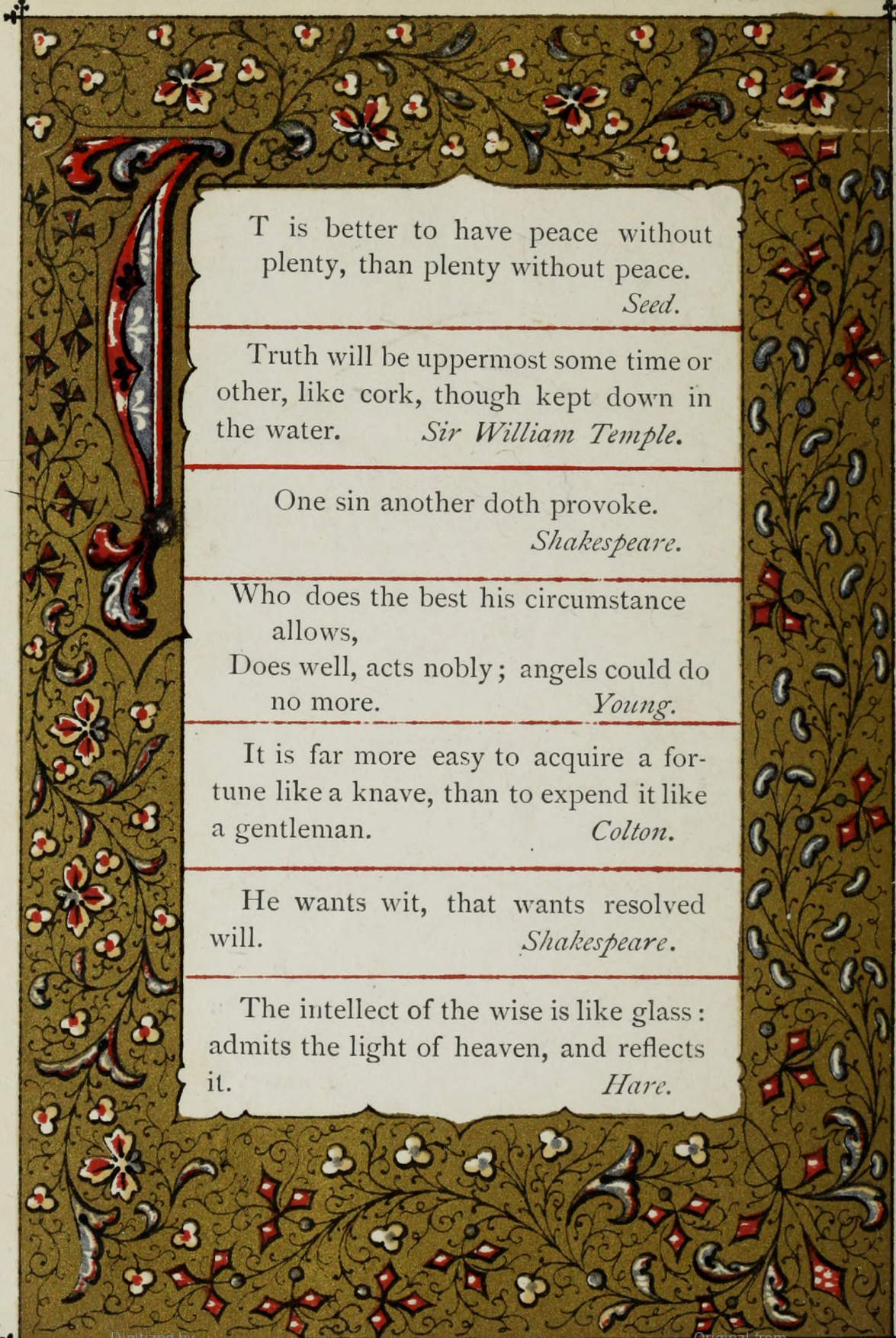
Wealth is not the way to heaven, but
the contrary ; let all your care be how to
live well, and you may be sure that you
will never *die poor*. *Bishop Henshaw.*

It is a little learning, and very little,
which makes men conclude hastily.
Jeremy Taylor.

Sin and punishment are like the
shadow and the body, never apart.
Bishop Henshaw.

He that smarts for speaking truth, hath
a plaster in his own conscience. *Fuller.*

He who is always his own counsellor
will often have a fool for his client.
Hunter.



T is better to have peace without
plenty, than plenty without peace.

Seed.

Truth will be uppermost some time or
other, like cork, though kept down in
the water.

Sir William Temple.

One sin another doth provoke.

Shakespeare.

Who does the best his circumstance
allows,
Does well, acts nobly; angels could do
no more.

Young.

It is far more easy to acquire a for-
tune like a knave, than to expend it like
a gentleman.

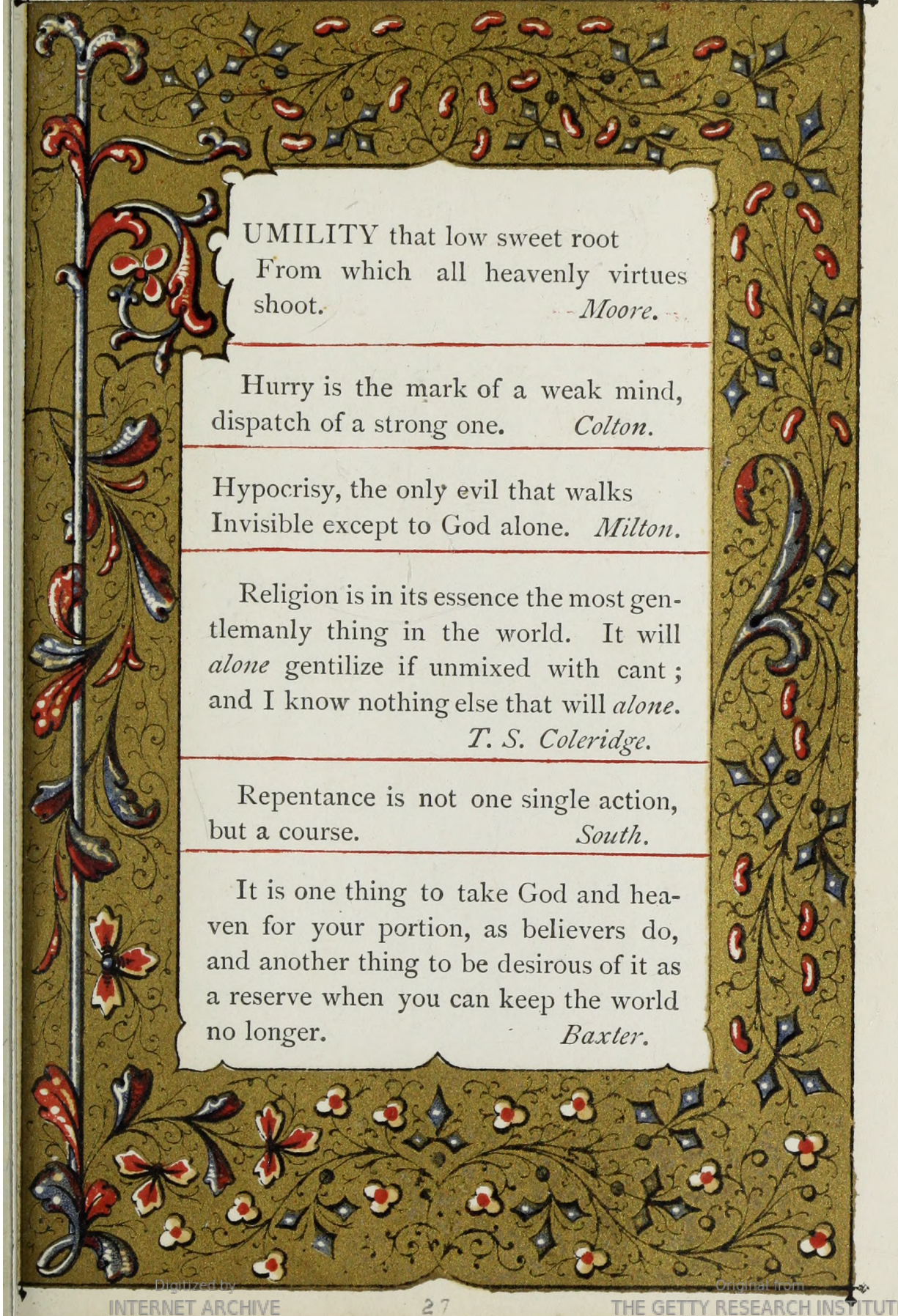
Colton.

He wants wit, that wants resolved
will.

Shakespeare.

The intellect of the wise is like glass :
admits the light of heaven, and reflects
it.

Hare.



UMILITY that low sweet root
From which all heavenly virtues
shoot. *Moore.*

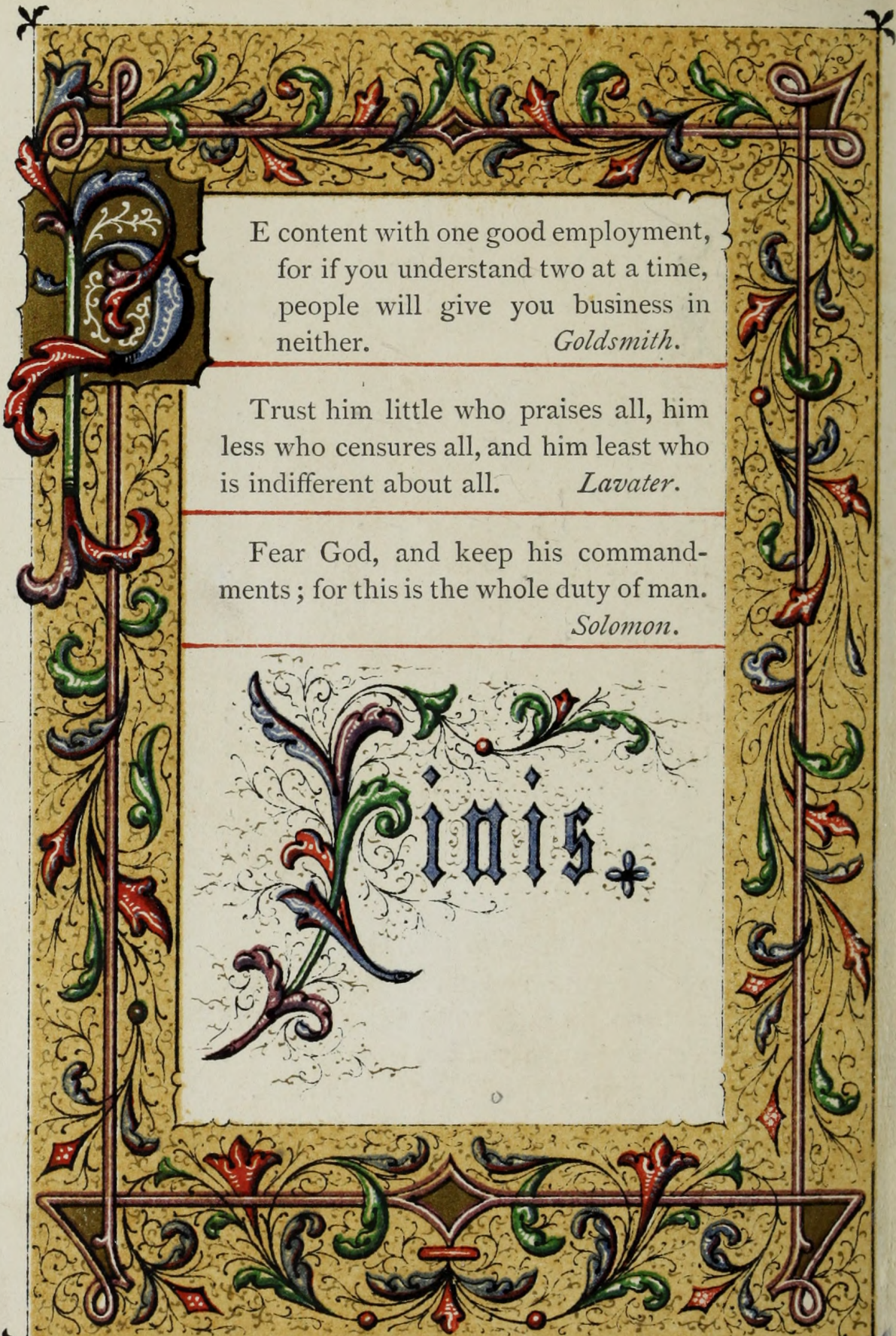
Hurry is the mark of a weak mind,
dispatch of a strong one. *Colton.*

Hypocrisy, the only evil that walks
Invisible except to God alone. *Milton.*

Religion is in its essence the most gen-
tlemanly thing in the world. It will
alone gentilize if unmixed with cant ;
and I know nothing else that will *alone*.
T. S. Coleridge.

Repentance is not one single action,
but a course. *South.*

It is one thing to take God and hea-
ven for your portion, as believers do,
and another thing to be desirous of it as
a reserve when you can keep the world
no longer. *Baxter.*



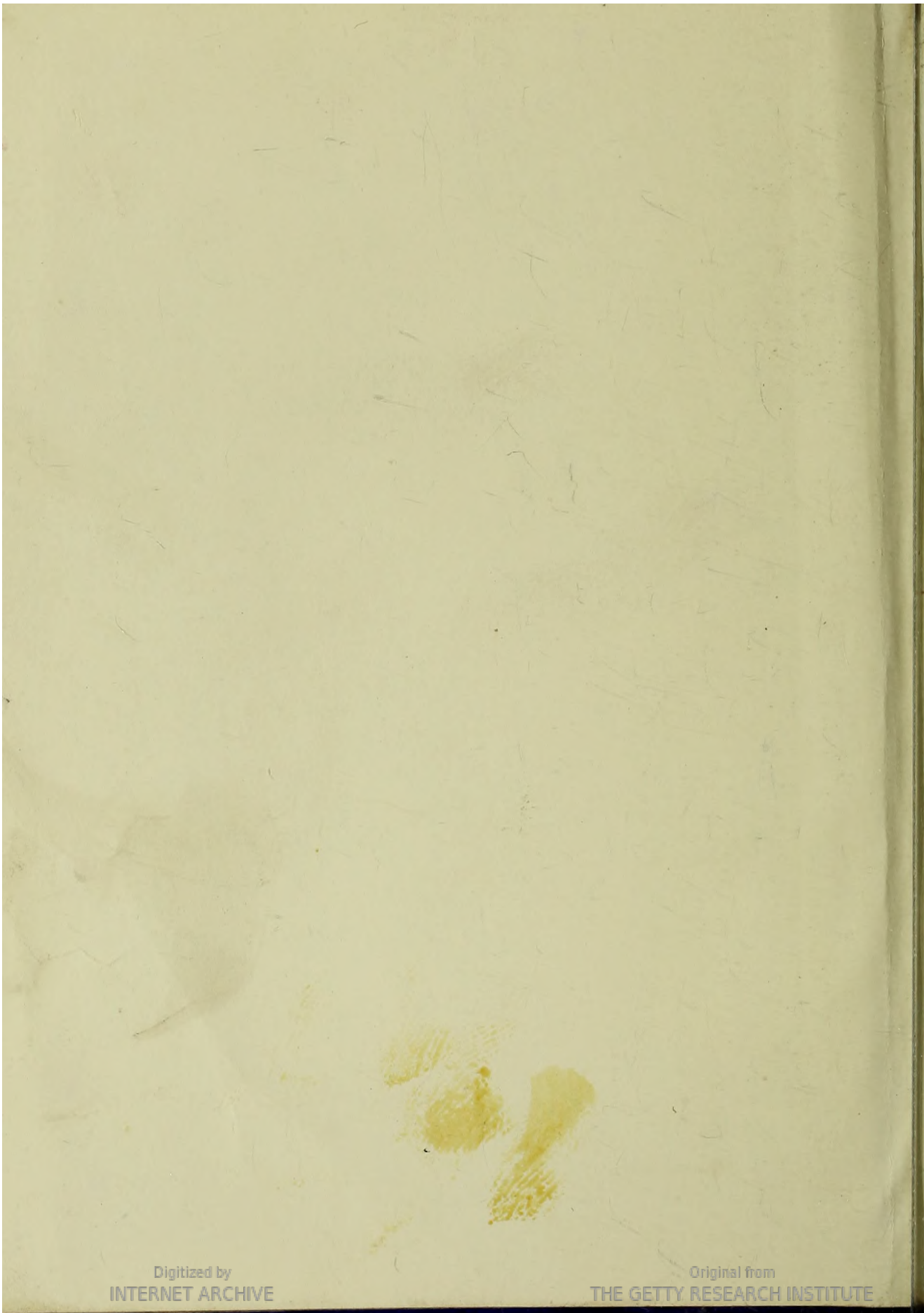
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E content with one good employment,
for if you understand two at a time,
people will give you business in
neither. *Goldsmith.*

Trust him little who praises all, him
less who censures all, and him least who
is indifferent about all. *Lavater.*

Fear God, and keep his command-
ments; for this is the whole duty of man.
Solomon.

Amis



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