
Little Things

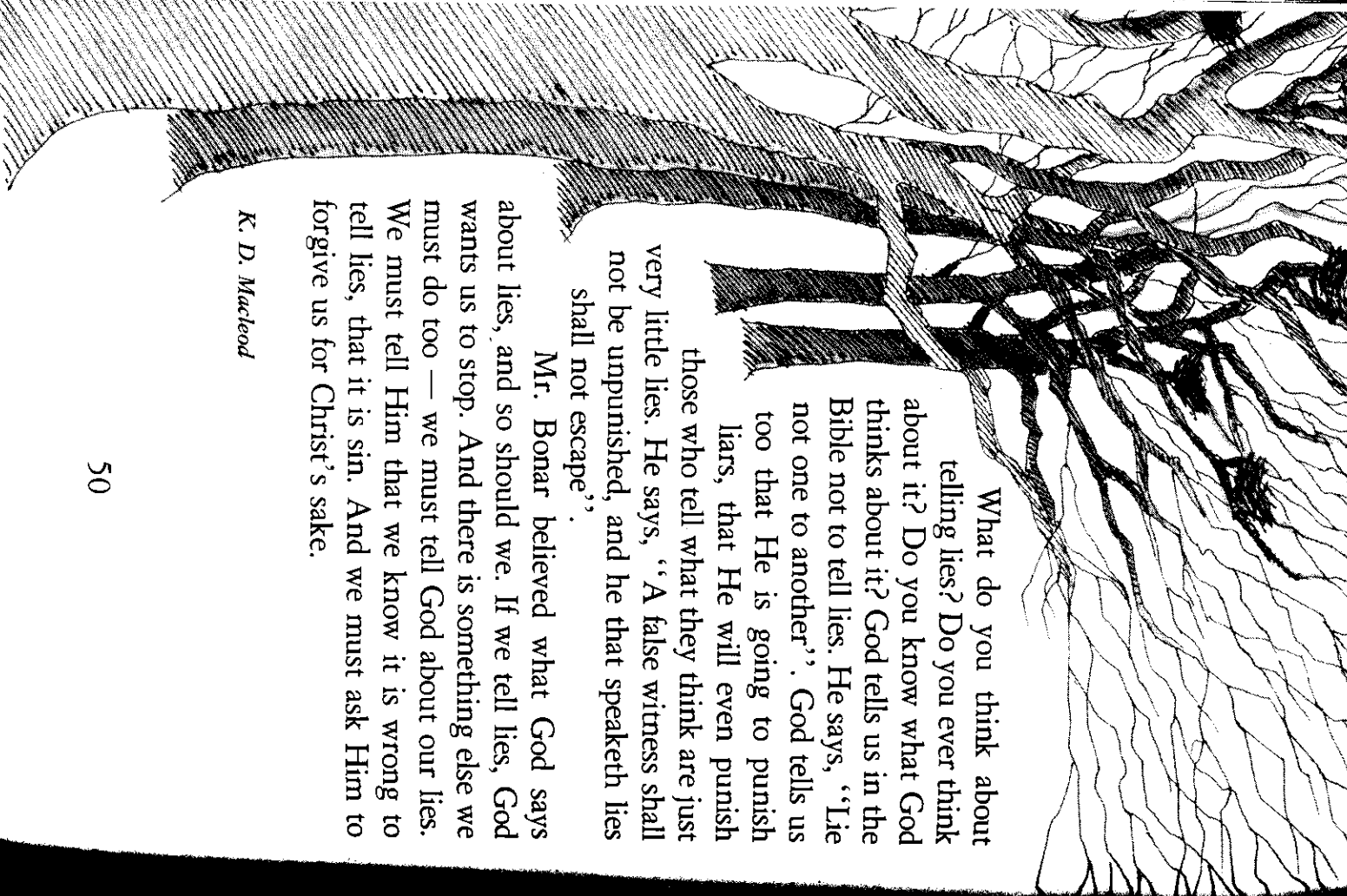
A LITTLE, 'tis a little word,
But much may in it dwell;
Then let the warning truth be heard:
O learn the lesson well.

The way of ruin thus begins,
Down, down, like easy stairs,
If conscience suffers little sins,
Soon larger ones it bears.

A little theft, a small deceit,
Too often leads to more;
'Tis hard at first, but tempts the feet,
As through an open door.

Just as the broadest rivers run
From small and distant springs,
The greatest crimes that men have done
Have grown from little things.

The child who early disobeys,
Stands now on slippery ground;
And who shall tell, in future days,
How low he may be found?



What do you think about telling lies? Do you ever think about it? Do you know what God thinks about it? God tells us in the Bible not to tell lies. He says, "Lie not one to another". God tells us too that He is going to punish liars, that He will even punish those who tell what they think are just very little lies. He says, "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape".

Mr. Bonar believed what God says about lies, and so should we. If we tell lies, God wants us to stop. And there is something else we must do too — we must tell God about our lies. We must tell Him that we know it is wrong to tell lies, that it is sin. And we must ask Him to forgive us for Christ's sake.

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