As Seeing Him.

They are brave men-God's sufferers, In silence they bear pain; Their greatness is in fortitude, Struck, but they strike not again: They can forgive and suffer long, They can cheer darkest night with song

Why are they strong amid the weak? Because faith's eyes are clear; They see the Christ, and they endure, Because they know Him near, The lovely Patmos has for them The glory of Jerusalem.

Palelips and pain-dimmed eyes, but hearts That falter not have they: The Lord is mindful of His own, Heaven is not far away. And they can see the Saviour's face. And rest within His arms of grace.

There is a secret in their joy We have not learnt as yet, Who fret and fume, and strive and strain Whose eyes with tears are wet; But Christ can teach us even this, When our own wills are lost in His. -Marianne Farningham

"I Want a Spade."

A good minister, now dead, once preached to his congregation a powerful sermon founded upon the words of Christ, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" (Matt. xx. 6). The sermon did good to many, among whom was a lady who went to the minister the next day and said, "Doctor, I want a spade." Dear reader, are you looking upon as one of the first steps in the for a spade? Do you need advice as to how you shall work for Christ and the good of souls? Such advice we will try to give you.

Giving money to the cause of Christ is a good spade with which to work What a privilege for rich Christians to while it is an act of condescension in secrate ourselves afresh to His serthe poor for the carrying of the Gospel people zealous of good works !"-Pres. to lost souls.

"Where are you going so fast?' said one youth to another as they met on Westminster Bridge. The reply was, "I am going with my father's dinner, for we are building the House of Parliament." The boy's part in the erection of the great building was not much, but he could say "we are building" the house, for it was something so different from that of most men to feed those who were actually engaged that they were not subject to the laws in the work; and so every pecuniary to which we bow, and that it was contribution to the cause of Christ, easier for them to live the higher life however small, will do something than it is for men generally. It is towards the erection of that spiritual needless to say that such an idea is temple, which is to be the joy of erroneous. If evidence of this fact angels, the reward of the Redeemer, and glory of God forever!

scholars in the city of Gloucester! He the great musician, said that he was never so conscious of the meaning of the word "sublime," as when he heard unto those things which are before, I the school children sing the Old Hun- press toward the mark for the prize of dredth Psalm under the dome of St. the high calling of God in Christ Paul's cathedral. What a noble fact Jesus. it is that more than two millions of children are found in our Sabbath ness, to strive after perfection, and to tracts of the colony. But a short time Detroit Free Press. instructors! Readers, why can not human instinct. And in proportion business. In some way or other he you engage in this good work? If as men arrive at broader conception of managed to draw to himself many of you feel the love of Christ glowing in life and grasp its constituent elements the contracts which had formerly gone your hearts, go to the Sabbath-School with a firmer grip, and as civilization to his employer. Just at the time book. God's universal law of unseland tell of Him who said, "Suffer the becomes more highly organized, does when he was most engaged in contracts fish service is as supreme in the domain little children to come unto Me, and this instinct strike deeper and become which admitted of no delay, the whole of material possessions—in the realm

Visiting the sick is another "spade" with which to work in the Lord s vine- especially in its relation to aesthetics actual material which was required to possible efforts. The unvaring law of yard. One does not need great intel and to social ethics. But the pro- fulfil the contracts. lect or eloquence in order to use this foundest human instincts should find spade. You can surely call upon a their fullest and truest expression in whom I speak walked quietly into the over against every right, makes no exsick person, and if he is poor, carry the realm of the highest life - which is office of his former employee, and that ception of wealth, with its powers of with you a little fruit, or nourishing the life of the Spirit. If the keynote employee said to my informant that service. God has so ordered the social SEWING soup, or a nice loaf of bread, and tell of the material life is progress, that of when he saw him coming he felt he life of our race that no man can make him of the sympathy of Christ and the spiritual life is progress also; for could have killed him coming to gloat the most of his powers of mind and the infinite mercy of God. You are in both indifference leads to inactivity, over his ruin. The former employer guilty of a great neglect of duty if you inactivity induces stagnation, and came very quietly up to him, wasted powers in the service of his fellow-men. do not sometimes visit the afflicted. stagnation is a short step from death. no words in sympathy or comment, This is an accepted law in the realm "Pure religion and undefiled before Paul's words to the Philippians just tion and the contracts that are due, God and the Father is this: to visit quoted, so graphic and suggestive are and I wish to put at your disposal the places at a man's disposal. No one the fatherless and widows in their they, and full of strong determination timber in my yard, so that you may has the slightest right to say of his affliction, and to keep himself un- and life. They are the words of a save your position. spotted from the world." Oh, ponder sane and hopeful soul, and are a well the words of Christ: "A cup of message of encouragement to men and political economy, as Adam Smith at a true conception of the responsicold water only," given "in the name women bowed down with the weight understood it, the man behaved ab.

"I was sick, and ye visited Me." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto temptation to give up what seems to he followed the instincts of a higher by his wealth to serve his own selfish one of the least of these, my brethren, them to be an unequal struggle. ye have done it unto Me."

other useful "spade" for us to work familiar to the Philippians. But it is whom he had saved, and in that peaceto become a tract distributor. She of the material life apply to the affairs good stead when all the wealth of the a member of society and of the State did so, and persevered in her work. of the spiritual life, even by way of world has been consumed by moth and without his leave being asked. In the

converse concerning them and the Not even Paul would have us "forget The result of the conversation was that she became deeply interested in the spiritual condition of the population around her, and prevailed upon ings for the religious instruction of good even a servant girl may accom-

people to attend the house of prayer. A young man was standing, on a go to a neighbouring sanctuary. He gave himself to missionary work and became famous throughout the world as the "Martyr of Erromanga." About a hundred years ago a young man entered a place of worship in Birmingham. When the service was over, a person who sat in the same pew said a few words concerning the sermon and invited the young man to come again. Pleased with the politeness of the stranger, the young man went again; he received spiritual good, became a member and an office-bearer of the church, and had the privilege, later in life, of paying for the publication of Dr. Carey's "Address upon Missions to the Heathen," which many look sublime career of the Christian Church in the modern times.

Dear reader, try to work for Christ; strive to be something like Him "who went about doing good;" and who most truly said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." Jesus has dore give their gold for the eternal salvation | much for you; then say to Him with of human souls! But the poor Chris- loving teachableness, "Lord, what tian can also work with this "spade." wilt thou have me to do?" Remem-The two mites which the "poor widow" ber that in religious matters, as in cast into the treasury were accepted temporal affairs, "Where there is a by the Lord of the temple; so now will there is a way." Oh, let us conthe Great Being to employ in His cause vice, "who gave himself for us, that the "gold and silver" of the rich, He He might redeem us from all iniquity, accepts with pleasure the offerings of and purify unto himself a peculiar

Forgetting and Reaching Forward

It is worth something to get a glimpse into the heart life of a great for spiritual development. The mysman like Paul the apostle. The idea teries of the kingdom of God are not sometimes seizes us that he and men of his class were of an unusual order their religious life; but it is to those of beings, that their environment was who "press toward the mark" that the were needed, one has but to point to various passages in the writings of The pious instruction of the young Paul in which he discloses the struggles is another "spade" with which it is of his own heart. A passage of this good to work. What a noble labour sort is found in his letter to the Robert Raikes commenced when he Philippians, in which he makes a con gathered his first class of Sabbath fession and gives expression to the consuming purpose of his life. He is the benefactor, not of Britain only, says: "Brethren, I count not myself but of Europe and the world. Haydn, to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth

schools, gratuitously taught by hun- pitch the life to the key of progress is ago one of the men employed by him dreds of thousands of male and female to give expression to a profoundly left the firm and set up an opposition forbid them not, for of such is the more assertive. The working out of of his timber yard was burned down, of that wealth which extends a man's this instinct is abundantly manifest in and ruin stared him in the face, bethe various phases of the material life, cause no insurance can produce the it is in any other department of man's of a disciple," shall in nowise lose its of their sins, mistakes, stumblings, surdly. According to true political of property until his relations through

kitchen, saw the tracts, and began to that the illustration does not illustrate. are remaining.

people among whom they were lent. the things that are behind" if the forgetting of them conferred no benefit. In fact, there are many things that should ever be remembered, even though they "are behind," because her husband to spend a considerable they are of untold value in assisting sum of money in the erection of build- us in our daily lives. Not even the errors we commit should be allowed the young. We know this statement to pass wholly from our minds. They to be true, and it proves what great have a corrective value, and should serve as danger signals. If we remember them, it will not be as easy to Another "spade" is inviting young do the same thing the second time. Then, many memories are precious and are sources of inspiration, and we Sabbath evening, at a corner of one of would not forget them if we could. the London streets; he was invited to | Some who have only the memory and have lost the blessing cry out in their spiritual distress:

'Where is the blessedness I knew. When first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul-r-freshing view of Jesus and His word?

To rob them of the memory of the weetness of the hour of their conversion, or of the tender spiritual ministrations of a pious mother, or of the joy that came from service for God, or of the happy hours spent in communion with kindred spiritual spirits, or of a Athousand experiences that fill up the measure of their Christian life, would be to despoil them of one of their most precious possessions. It is well to forget some things, but it is well also to remember some things, and if we are forced to admit that in regard to some "the remembrance of them is grievous unto us," it is equally true that of others the remembrance of them is a solace, a cordial, an inspiration, and an abiding satisfaction of which we would not soon consent to be dispossessed. We should, then, forget the things that ought to be forgotten, and remember those that ought to be enshrined in memory.

But whether we forget or remember we should be constantly "reaching forth unto those things which are before." It will not do for a Christian to abide too long in one place in his be yielded to with reluctance or rerevealed to those who "stand still in Christ Jesus" is surely awarded.

"A cloud of witnesses around Hold thee in full survey; Forget the steps already trod, And onward urge thy way.

"'Tis God's all-animating voice That calls thee from on high; 'Tis His own hand presents the prize To thine aspiring eye :-

"That prize, with peerless glories Which shall new luster boast, When victors' wreaths and monarchs'

Shall blend in common dust." Chris. Advocate.

The Golden Rule Business.

There is in Cape Colony at the present time a gentleman who has been extremely successful in the timber trade and he has gained by his superior abil-

On the day after the fire, the man of There is a wonderful stimulus in but quietly said, "I know your posi-

Now, according to all the laws of sishly if I will." No man has arrived and general unfaithfulness, who may economy, as John Ruskin has taught it to his fellow-men fill a larger place be on the point of yielding to the us, that man behaved wisely and well; truth than the competition for con-The picture presented by Paul is tracts, and he found his reward in the option as to whether he or his property Distributing religious tracts is an- that of a foot race, and it was quite lasting blessings of the young man shall come under God's law of service. with. A pious servant once resolved not always possible to make the things ful conscience which will stand him in under that law, as he is, of necessity,

It is true that there are plenty of people outside the evangelical churches that go upon that assumption. That consider the one and only thing to be desired is development, evolution. Throw around men the forces and influences that will best give them impulse to go on in progress toward the good, that should be the aim of all are merely defective, some more so all cases, perhaps, but of the race in form trying work. the end. Such teachings are very pronounced in some quarters. Are we sure that they have not got some hold upon us even as Methodists? It cannot be denied that the preach-

ing in Methodist pulpits within the last generation has been increasingly ethical in its character. The itine rant of the earlier days stood before his congregation wherever met with this one conviction supreme, his hearers in great majority stood under the condemnation of the law of God, and ex. posed to His wrath, and needed, above all else, salvation from their sins in Jesus' blood. His appeals were almost altogether along the line of immediate yielding to Christ and forsak ing of sin. Perhaps he was somewhat narrow, but his efforts yielded splendid results, and it might be that, with a great deal of profit, we could take a leaf from his book. That revival of ethical preaching had its good effects. but it had its evil ones as well. It has shut out too much from our preaching and our thought the awfulness of sin and the need of atonement in Jesus Christ. - Chris. Guardian.

Removing the Root.

"I have been pointing out the short-comings of others all my life, but the other day a colored man brougt religious experience. Progress is the my own teaching home to me in a way law of spiritual being and of spiritual I will never forget," said the philosonurture. We must "press toward the pher, as he smiled at the recollection. mark," and as the impulse to do this "I have often been worried in observarises always from within it must not | ing men wasting their efforts by going blindly at what they were attempting straint, for herein lies the opportunity | to do, and I never once thought that I might be a little blind myself.

"On the outside of one of my study windows, and before which is placed my desk, a spider has been spinning his web for some time. The sight "prize of the high calling of God in | was annoying to me, and every time that I observed the web I took a broom and brushed it down. But the spider was an industrious fellow and not easily discouraged, and he soon had another web spun in the identical spot.

man to clean my windows, and when he reached the one that had the web on it he carefully located the spider and then judiciously crushed the life out of him, and went on cleaning the window, while I mused upon the little lesson that it taught me. I had been destroying the effect and leaving the cause untouched, with the result that the trouble was only temporarily removed, and my efforts practically thrown away.

"I am afraid that many men who fail in life are like myself and the spider's web, they merely brush away the web and don't go deep enough to To be dissatisfied with incomplete- ity a large proportion of the great con- remove the cause of all the trouble."-

Consecrated Substance.

There is no faithful Christian man who keeps an unconverted pocketpower "to bring things to pass"-as God, which attaches an obligation to of mind and spirit. It is no less binding upon the power which wealth wealth, "It is mine; I may use it selends. No man is free to make an He and his property are necessarily One day her mistress came into the illustration, for it sometimes happens rust, and only the treasures that last use of his property, as of all his other powers, he owes steady allegiance to

Do Men Just Need[Patching:Upl? that law of service; and though in managing his property he may disregard this obligation, he can never escape it.-Merrill E. Gotes, D. D.

Stand By Him.

The pastor ought to be a man of stainless hands and loving heart, so true that everybody can trust him with the secrets of life, and so gentle workers after man's welfare. All men | that no one will feel a diffidence in speaking to him freely-a real gentle than others, of course, some woefully man, a pure man of God, a brother so; but better conditions and sur- indeed. That's what he ought to be; roundings will bring about the salva- and all the people should stand by tion, not of the present individual in him, especially when he has to per-If a member has gone out of the

right way and pleads that what he has done is not wrong, there is sad work for the true pastor. He must try to bring the wanderer back. It is his sacred duty. God requires him to do it, and it must be faithfully and tenderly done. Here many pastors fail in courage, or fail in loving gentleness. Here their efforts too many times bring them into disfavor and they need support from others. Stand by your pastor, hold up his hands, encourage him with kind words, speak to others in his favor. Jesus would have you do that and God will bless you for it.-Florida Advocate.

HOLDING ON TO A SIN .- A little child was one day playing with a very valuable vase, when he put his hand into it and could not withdraw it. His father, too, tried his best to get it out, but all in vain. They were talking of breaking the vase, when the father said, "Now, my son, make one more try; open your hand and hold your fingers out straight, as you see me doing, and then pull." To their astonishment the little fellow said, "O, no, pa. I couldn't put out my fingers like that, for if I did, I would drop my penny."

He had been holding on to a penny all the time! No wonder he could not withdraw his hand .- Rev. John

Many of the bitter experiences of ife would be endured with a cheerful heroism if we only knew what we afterwards found out, that we were at the time taking a wholesome tonic, in which case we should have smiled while we were making faces. "All things work together," etc.

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