Then on our vision dawns afar The goal of glory, gleaming Like some great radiant solar star, And sets us longing, dreaming. Forgetting all things left behind, We strain each nerve to win it But when 'tis ours, alas! we find There's nothing in it.

There's nothing in it"

We turn our sad, reluctant gaze Upon the path of duty: Its barren, uninviting ways And void of bloom and beauty. Yet in that road, though dark and cold It seems as we begin it, As we press on lo! we behold There's heaven in it.

- ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

## The Chief Church Member

BY JAY BENSON HAMILTON, D. D. Whoso-ver will be chief among

you, let him be your servant. The pastor had concluded a ser mon from this text, in which he had tried to portray the greatness of the ministry which was possible to the weakest member of the church. Robert Lister, a humble, diffident member of the church, approached the pastor. It was evident from his manner that he wished to speak, but did not know how to begin, The pastor pleasantly said, as he took his hand:

Well, Robert, what is it? I liked that sermon very much. I would like to become the Chief Church Member. I can't do much, but I'm willing to do anything you say. You know I can't speak or pray; if I were to sing it would break up the meeting; I give all the money, now, I can afford, and that isn't much; what can I do to serve the church?

Begin with the little things which no one else is willing to do, said the pastor.

A blank look of wonder, which was really comical, shone in List for my Saviour. I wish you would ter's large biue eyes. Then a bright let him be your Saviour, too. smile instantly transfigured his homely face. He gripped the pastor's hand until he made him wince with the pain, and then turning away, softly said, I unders and.

The ladies of the Missionary Society were discussing the distri- elected Church Nurse. bution of the printed notices announcing that a returned missionanother:

most utterly useless. We might little way, of which very few ever quite as likely to encourage impos lot in the fire.

said:

Ladies, I have a pair of big feet words of gratitude and blessing. that cover a good deal of ground distribute your notices.

hard all day; when will you get time to do it? After my day's work is over.

tingly. I do not expect you to give me

God, and let him pay me. The work was done so thoroughly lighted and greatly encouraged. and fai hfully that Lister was im-

of Bill Distributer for the church. discussing the supper they were planning to give in the chapel, at a squandered and she would be left negro, almost as rich as all the church reception. One said:

one likes to do it.

Lister modestly said:

ately I have strong arms, and am hand. glad to have the privilege of using them for God.

The night before the receptions of it! Robert worked for several hour, carrying and piling up the seats in spoke with a sneer: a side-room and arranging the their dusty resting place in the cellar. The work was done with at your heels all the time. such neatness and dispatch that

church that one member was always tone of voice he said : never refused. Nothing was so break your head for you. hard or menial or humble but he Rebert drew himself up to his full The time will come, says the venwould perform it cheerfully and height, and said, quietly but rather erable Dr. Alexander, and I cannot was gone and I was soon able to walk thoroughly. He made a place for sternly: himself in the first month which Before I became a Christian, I when all the difficulty about the

No occasion was complete that did fere with me in this matter. not enjoy his humble ministry. The work:

bim?

affliction to the Christian, who upon the floor. would undertake it. The announcespoke.

Robert Lister made his first speech in meeting. He slowly arose and awkwardly changing from onfoot to the other said in a low tonwhich was heard with difficulty selzed the young man in his arms across the room:

I will go.

The next morning the pattor called at the sick man's home very recognizable. It had been thorough | a regular attendant at church. ly c'eansed and put to rights Thbed was transformed by its new dress of coarse but spotless linen. The sick man was washed, shaved and robed in clean night garments. A little flower-pot with a blooming flower in it sat upon the window sill. The pastor looked about the room in amazement. The sick man spoke with deep emotion.

I have heard of church members who talked about being like Jesus; gregation: he came here. He scrubbed the floor and cleaned up everything in his own clothes. When I cried a b's and tried to thank him, he stopped me and said :

I am glad to do this little thing

If he has religion, and that's what makes him give up his rest to helpa stranger who can never pay him back, then I'd like to have rel gion too.

After awhile I searned that Robert had contracted the habit of ary would speak in the church One humble helpfulness to others. He member of the committee said to never neglected his own home, and

when I stand still. They can cover of a new phase of Lister's charac. gans are all right," and they are in a good deal more if I keep moving. ter which was a great surprise. As good humor. A third class give for I am not fit to do much for the widow had an only son, who in his osteriation, like the selfish cur church but run errands; let me early manhood had become the mudgeon who bestowed a hundred through self love, prile, envy, covet-But, Robert, you have to work taken a strong I king to the young liked to give his money where he fellow, and tried to watch over him. Again and again he had carried him home and spent the night among the negroes at Jamaics, is God; separation is the devil. The We cannot pay you anything for in nursing him through the result these resolutions were agreed upon. it, said another lady, a little hesita- of a filthy debauch. The young man at last began to exhibit shame, and tried for Robert's sake to reanything. I will do the work for form. He had remained sober for nearly a month. Robert was de-

mediately chosen for the position house one evening in a frenzy of down what each came to give. grief and despair, sobbing that her | Many came forward and gave, some The Ladies' Aid Society were boy had been coaxed into a saloon more and some less. Amongst and his fortnight's wages would be those that came was a rich old in want. Robert hastened to the others put together, and threw What shall we do about the saloon and entered. The young down upon the table a small silver D. &. L. Plaster never fails to soothe tables and seats? There is so much man was in the centre of a circle coin. Take dat back again, said lifting and carrying to do, and no of young fellows who were all drink- the negro that received the money. ing at his expense.

I am not fit for much but to run you, said Robert, with a smile, as cordingly to k it up, and hobbled in the market, that it is sometimes errands and carry burdens. Fortun- he took the young man by the back again to his seat in a rage.

tables, which he had to bring from enough to take care of yourself, ill-temperedly that the negro without having a guardian trotting answered again: No! dat won't

Lister was unanimously appointed was likely to lose the young man's according to de last; and he was chairman of the committee of one money, came around from behind obliged to take up his coin again. to have charge of tables and chairs. the bar with a heavy mallet in his Still angry at himself and all the It soon came to the notice of the hand. In a loud and threatening rest, he sat a long time, till nearly

many little things which no one deavorer, or whatever you call and very willingly gave a large else cared to undertake. He was yourself, mind your own business sum to the treasury. Very well, called hither and thither. He and get out of my saloon, or I will said the negro, dat will do. Dat

At the c'ose of a prayer meeting, with such terrific force that the want of liberality are utterly fu 1; wanted a volunteer for a very un- dashed the plate glass mirror behind pious. If we are Christians, let us pleasant duty. A man was very the bar into a thousand fragments. act like C ristians, and not dishon was very poor; his tone was head, tossed him over the har, back from the Lord what is His wretched in the extreme; the task | sweeting into one heap of ruins | due. - Free Baptist. was one of simple duty to a needy every bottle, glass and ornament, brother, and yet it would be an with their owner underneath them,

The crowd, aghast at the exhibi ment was followed by a silence tion of such unexpected, marvellous deep and long. No one moved or strength, stood in silence, motion-

D) any more of you gentlemen

Robert quietly said:

wish to interfere? B t re any one could reply, Lister as if he were a child, and walked out of the room. This heroic treatment completed the reform of the young man, to the great joy of his early. Robert had already gone to poor, unbappy mother. The young his work. The room was hardly man signed the pledge, and became

> A change in Robert's employment necessitated his removal to another community. When it was announced that he had gone, there was universal dismay. Upon every hand it was said: What shall we do now? Who

will take his place?

The pastor, who had not lost a valuable helper merely, but a beloved friend, announced to the con-

but the man you sent here last | The most important place in our night was the first I ever met who church is vacant. Our friend and made a business of it. He had brother, who has occupied it for a such a difference. The slope was done ten hours of hard work before year, has gone to bless another half covered with the most beautithe room. He brought these bed- church, but by no one more than by in this pitcher beside you so that clothes from his own spare chamber. his pastor. Who is willing to earn He washed me and dressed me in his wag s of love and appreciation by filling his place and doing his work? Who will become the Chief Member of the church by becoming the Church Servant?

> At t'e close of the sermon, an other man just as poor and diffident, waited near the pulpit until the congregation had gone. He then said to the pastor:

I am not able to fill Robert Liser's place. If I was, I am not fit. Robert Lister was unanimously But if you want me, I will try. will do the best I can .- Advance.

## Systematic Giving.

There is no Christian duty which Then maybe I'll blossom. was very happy in it, although it is performed in a more slovenly We cannot afford to pay to have was very poor, and destitute of manner by many good people than And the best of it all is that there it done; the boys who distributed many of the comforts of life. He the duty of giving. Some give always is a south side, she answered the last notices threw them away was busy every leisure moment in lazily to whatever and whoever in bunches, so that they were al- serving the sick and poor in some begs the most lustily; they are spring. just as well have put the whole heard. The pastor found him be ters as deserving objects, for they fore him in many homes where are too careless to inquire and dis-Robert Lister stepped up and there was sickness and distress. criminate. Some give money fit His name was always repeated with fully, under the spasmodic inspira tion of an eloquent appeal; others self, here, and still more there in In one home the pastor learned give only when their digestive or the future world, when God shall be slave of strong drink. Robert had dollars on a town clock b cause he could hear it tick.

At a mis-ionary meeting held 1. We will all give something 2. We will all give as God has

enabled us. 3. We will all give willingly. So soon as the meeting was over a leading negro took his seat at the The mother rushed into Robert's table, with pen and ink, to put Dat not be according to de second Come, Will, your mother needs resolution. The rich old man ac One after another came forward, Oh! don't go yet, Will, his com- and almost all gave more than himpanions shouted, let us make a night self, he was fairly ashamed of him. Those who have used it think it is far self, and again threw down a piece As Will hesitated a momont, one of money on the table, saying: Dare, take dat! It was a valuable little folks like it as it is as pleasant as It seems to me you are old piece of gold, but it was given so do yet. It may be according to de The saloon keeper, seeing that he first and second resolution, but not all had gone, and then came up to willing and always ready to do the You meddlesome Christian En. the table, with a smile on his face, according to all der resolutions.

but hope that it is near at hand, again. multiplied his friends ten-fold. In learned to give as well as take funds for the spread of the gospel

three months he was the most con- pretty hard knocks. I de not care | will be done away; when Chrisspicuous man in the congregation to try my hand on you, for I might tians will learn a lesson which world gets the most good out of He was sought after by everybody. hurt you, but you must not inter- hitherto they have been very sow this one. His passions are subdued. to learn, that the richest enjoyment | he has right princip es of action, he The infuriated saloon keeper of wealth is to give its increase to has sublime subjects for contemuniversal exclamation was heard struck a savage blow at Robert's the treasury of the Lord, and that plation, his sorrows are alleviated. from all who were active in church head with the mallet. It would the sweetest of incentives to labor Besides giving a relish to his earthhave been fatal had it reached him. is the hope of gaining something ly pleasures. Caristianity gives How could we get along without The descending arm was seized with that may aid in furthering the him new pleasures, death is robbed a grip of iron and wrenched back cause of God. The excuses for our of its terrors, he is blessed with the pastor announced that he mail t flew across the room and they are worse—they are often im the way, he has special blessings in ill; he needed some one to watch L's'er seized his assailant about the or that sacred name by a base, sel- better principles of action, more of with him that night. The sick man waist, and lifting him up over his fish avaricious spirit, which keeps fri ndship and love in his life, in-

The South Side.

May I come in, dear ? called the girl's bright voice.

Pull the bobbin and the latch will fly up, was the merry answer.

The girl pushed open the door and ran across the room to the bed Nobody could have guessed the pain and the wearisome plaster cast from the cherry voice; still less could one have guessed that the need to earn made the weeks of paid still harder to bear. These things the woman lying there told to her God, never to her gu sts.

The girl held up a forlorn hand ful of late asters. The very last, she declared. I hunted and hunted Are you sure? her friend asked, quickly. I've always found them later than this every year. Did y u go over to the south side of the hill?

No, the girl confessed, laughingly, I believe that I looked on every side but that ! I'll go straight back and hunt again.

Twenty minutes later she returned laden with autumn bloom.

You were right, she said. I had no idea that the south side made church and community. He will ful blossoms, so big and deep be missed by every member in our colored! I'm going to put them you can reach your hands down deep into the autumn and p etend you're picking them yourself.

Then, her fiend returned, I should have to give up the memory of somebody who picked them for

The girl stopped her pretty work. Now I understand the difference she said slowly. You will insist, wilful woman that you are, in living on the south side of life, and getting every bit of sunshine there is, while most of us deliberately go and sit on the north side and grumble because it's cold! Never mind, I've caught your secret now, and I'm going to sit in the sun

The white face in the bed smiled. -the sun's side, and God's-Well

In this world be one with others in mutual love and service; then not only the angels and saints will be one with you, but even God himall in all. Strive. man, by every

means to attain to such union, ousness, doubt, and little faiththat they 'all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us.' Union separation of the churches was the work of the devil; heresies, dissent,

The life of man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and willing service.-Longfellow.

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> DAVID MCLELLAN. Pelee Island North, Ont.

The man who lives for the next promises that give him comfort by longer life, better health, brighter hopes, a more cheerful disposition. creased usefulness, ability to meet the conflicts and trials of this life. and a broader view of life and duty. Godliness is indeed prefitable unto all things, having pom mised both of the life which now is, and of that which is to come. -United Preshpterian.

The Lard is so mercitul that he never disdains our prayer, but mercifully accepts it and corrects its imperfection, provided only that we turn to him sincerely and do not enti ely forget him. A wise man will desire no more

than what he may obtain justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and live upon contentedly. To be content to remain ignorant

what God has not thought proper to reveal, torms no inconsiderable part of Caristian learn ng.

No man is born into this world whose work is not born with nim; there is always work, and tools to Work withat, for those who will.

"So you've set up a hired girl" said farmer Muchland to his son. "Your mother never



"It's just looking at mother" said the son "made me resolve that my children's mother should never look like her, worn out in her

had a hired

girl. She

worked early

and late,

and raised a

family. Hired

girl indeed!

Look at your

mother, sir."

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