

In the Morning.

In the morn, who wakes early
Finds the world prepared for him:
Light of life from out the eastward
Chases all the shadows grim.

In the daybreak of some morning,
When I wake upon the strand
Of the great mysterious country
Which is yet my Fatherland,

How May We Help Others?

With our money. There is great
power for good or ill in money. That
man who gives his entire mind to the
work of making money and hoarding
it up for himself is a hard man.

Some one will say, "I have no money
to give." So said Peter on one occa-
sion. When Peter and John went up
into the temple at the hour of prayer
they encountered a lame man who sat
at the gate of the temple begging.

Rainy Sundays.

BY THE REV. AME VENNEMA.

A rainy Sunday puts to the test the
devotion to the house of God of the
church member. Allowing that the
physical infirmity of some would make
it imprudent for them to venture out
when the weather is unpropitious, we
cannot evade the conviction that the
many empty pews on a rainy Sabbath
prove that a host of churchgoers can-
not stand this test of their devotion.

Is it a regard for their good clothes
that causes them to absent themselves?
Then we enter a plea for reform. The
wearing of our best to the house of
God when the conditions are favorable
may be commendable, but when fashion
so tyrannizes that we will not go to the
sanctuary on the Lord's day unless we
can wear our best, it is time to cast off
the yoke. A thousand times better
come in a "rainy day skirt" of worsted,
than allow a silk or satin to keep you
home and rob you of a blessing and
others of the inspiration of your presence.

Have you considered what a depress-
ing effect an array of empty pews has
upon the pulpit? That sermon was
prepared for a house-full not for a
hand-full. Next to the inspiration the
preacher draws from God is that which
he derives from the upturned, eager
face of the listener. Next to the in-
centive he obtains from the command,
"Go preach" is the encouragement
given him by the thought, "here is a
multitude hungering for the bread of
life whom I must seek to satisfy." The
visits of the week have led to the
selection of a theme that is designed
to meet the needs of several. The
Sabbath dawn; there is moisture in
the air, a heavy mist, a chilling drizzle,
perhaps a pouring rain, and on account
of it the very people for whom that ser-
mon is intended are missing. Except
for the possibility that it may suit the
case of some one present for whom it
is not especially designed, the preacher
feels his labor lost. How then can he
put enthusiasm in the effort?

Have you thought of the effect of
your absence upon the interests of God's
kingdom in and beyond your own
locality? An important part of the
worship of God's house is the offering
ing. "Upon the first day of the week
let every one of you lay by him in store
as God hath prospered him," says St.
Paul. The maintenance of many reli-
gious and benevolent enterprises,
such as Home and Foreign Missions,
Tract and Bible Society work, etc.,
etc., depends largely upon these offer-
ings in the churches. The develop-
ment and extension of such work is
made possible by the increasing gifts
of the people. Now think how these
enterprises must suffer in consequence

of a succession of rainy Sundays! The
difference in the average church be-
tween a rainy day and a fair day col-
lection is considerable. What must it
be throughout the denomination!

Remedy? If the Lord gives you
health come to church with as much
regularity as you go to business or come
down to breakfast. Why not? And
if you must be absent send your offer-
ing or make good the loss which differ-
ent objects have suffered by your ab-
sence, by a two-fold or four-fold or
ten-fold contribution the next time you
come. Let your giving to the worthy
objects that appeal to you be reduced
to a system and not be left to chance.
—Chris. Intelligencer.

The Voice of the Spirit Quenched.

When I was a young boy, before I
was a Christian, I was in the field, one
day, with a man who was hoeing. He
was weeping, and he told me a strange
story, which I have never forgotten.
When he left home his mother gave
him this text,

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

But he paid no heed to it. He said
when he got settled in life, and his
ambition to get money was gratified, it
would be time enough then to seek the
Kingdom of God. He went from one
village to another, and got nothing to
do. He went into a village church, and
what was his great surprise to hear
the minister give out the text,

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

The text went down to the bottom
of his heart.

He went away from that town, and
at the end of the week went into an-
other church, and he heard the minis-
ter give out the same text,

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

He felt sure this time that it was the
prayers of his mother, but he said
calmly and deliberately:

"No; I will first get wealthy."

He said he went on, and did not go
into a church for a few months, but the
first place of worship he went into he
heard a third minister preaching a
sermon from the same text. He tried
to stifle his feeling, to get the sermon
out of his mind, and resolved that he
would keep away from church alto-
gether, and for a few years did keep
out of God's house.

"My mother died," he said, "and
the text kept coming up in my mind,
and I said, 'I will try to become a
Christian.'" The tears rolled down
his cheeks as he continued, "I could
not; no sermon ever touched me; my
heart is as hard as that stone," point-
ing to one in the field.

I couldn't understand what it was all
about; it was fresh to me then. Soon
after I went to Boston and was con-
verted, and the first thought that came
to me was about this man. When I
got back I asked my mother:

"Is Mr. L— living in such a
place?"

"Didn't I write to you about him?"
she asked. "They have taken him to
an insane asylum, and to every one
who goes there, he points with his
finger up there and tells him, 'Seek
ye first the Kingdom of God.'"

When I got home again my mother
told me he was in her house, and I
went to see him. I found him in a
rocking-chair, with that vacant, idiotic
look upon him. Whenever he saw me
he said:

"Young man, 'Seek ye first the
Kingdom of God.'"

Reason was gone, but the text was
there.—D. L. Moody.

Depths and Shoals

There are shoals and depths of relig-
ious experience, and Christians might
be divided in general into shoal-water
Christians and deep-water Christians.

It will often be found, when a Chris-
tian comes very far short of what he
ought to be, that the main cause of his
shortcomings is the shallowness of his
religious experience. There may have
been a great commotion in his soul at
the time of his conversion, but it was
like the commotion of the surf break-
ing along the shore. He may have felt
for a time that he was a great sinner,
but the feeling was thin and spumy,
like the comb of a breaker which makes
a striking appearance and a great noise
because it is thin.

There seems to be, on the part of too
many Christians, but little deep and
abiding conviction of the exceeding
sinfulness of sin. We need to launch
into the deep with Jesus before we fully
understand that. He who never feels
deep conviction for sin will feel but
little love for Christ, who is the Saviour
from sin.

As the woman who was a sinner
clasped the feet of Christ in the house
of Simon the Pharisee, she saw depth
under depth of sin in her soul, and a
great tide of love toward the pitiful
One who did not spurn her from His
presence surged into her heart, and a
rain of tears and kisses began to fall on
His feet, every tear and kiss being at
once a confession of sin and a confes-

sion of love toward Him who forgave
her sins. Simon the Pharisee felt no
such love, because he had no such ex-
perience of sin and salvation.—The
Advocate.

The Value of Affliction.

When the Psalmist said, "It is good
for me that I have been afflicted," he
was not talking cant. He had reached
the point in his earthly career at which
he could look back upon the preceding
years and see them—much as God sees
them—as a whole. He could appreciate
the danger of the temptations which
he had met, and the necessity of
sharp warnings at this point and of
actual scourgings of the soul at that
point, in order to prevent his straying,
or to rescue him, already strayed, from
the way of safety.

Such a retrospect of life is granted to
each of us at times, and it is full of
instruction. It teaches us a tremen-
dous truth, the need and use of unhap-
piness.

Chastening widens experience, deep-
ens sympathy, enlarges the range of
friendship, invigorates character, throws
the soul back upon God in firmer trust
and does a work for the soul so noble
that, if its own character alone be re-
garded, the divine love behind it and
pervading it becomes evident. Blessed
are they who no longer need to be thus
assured, because their own hearts
have learned the truth and rest upon
it.—Congregationalist.

Doing Right in the Wrong Way

A very common and an equally seri-
ous error among religious people is
that of doing right things in a wrong
spirit or in an unwise manner.

It is very right and proper to re-
prove iniquity, but if the reproof be
administered in a wrong spirit, as is too
often the case, it is simply attempting
to correct one wrong by doing another,
which only makes bad matters worse.

It is certainly right and necessary to
preach against the popular sins and
the doctrinal errors of the day; but if
one in doing so attacks the prejudices
of his hearers instead of manfully and
skillfully appealing to their reason,
judgment and conscience; if he deals in
bitter invective and denunciation, in-
stead of wisely endeavoring to con-
vince and persuade; or, if allows him-
self to become a pulpit scold or cynic
rather than a dignified and firm but
equally wise, gentle and winning am-
bassador for Christ; in any such event
his effort as a reformer will react in a
way to produce vastly more harm than
good.—Free Methodist.

What Repentance Is

A gentleman once asked a Sunday-
school what was meant by the word re-
pentance. A little boy raised his hand.

"Well, what is it, my lad?"

"Being sorry for your sins," was the
reply.

A little girl on the back seat raised
her hand.

"Well, my little girl, what do you
think?" asked the gentleman.

"I think," said the child, "it's being
sorry enough to quit."

That is just where so many people
fail. They are sorry enough at the
time, but, as one man said, "I kept
chopping off one sin at a time for three
weeks, until I made up my mind that
if I was ever to be a true follower of
the Lord Jesus Christ, I must let him
wash me inside and out. When I
made this decision, the Lord made a
thorough job of it, and it has never
had to be done over."—Selected.

EASING THE CHEST.

It is the chest that scares people and
makes them sick and sore. The cough
that accompanies the chest cold is rack-
ing. When the cold is a hard one
and the cough correspondingly severe,
every coughing spell strains the whole
system. We feel sure that if we could
only stop coughing for a day or so we
could get over the cold, but we try
everything we know or can hear of in
the shape of medicine. We take big
doses of quinine until the head buzzes
and roars; we try to sweat it out; we
take big draughts of whiskey, but the
thing that has its grip on the chest
hangs on, and won't be shaken loose.
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prompt relief.

Bible Reading

A recent article by the Rev. F. B.
Meyer, deals with the importance of
reading every word of the Bible. He
says: "We should dare to believe

that, probably, there is a text some-
where in the Bible which was put
there only for some exigency in our
own life. O that each of my readers
may begin to read the Bible afresh,
reading it systematically, taking
chapter after chapter, reading and
weighing. If that were done, patience,
would do her perfect work; comfort
and consolation would steal into the
inmost heart, calming its storms, and
bidding its tempests cease; whilst the
blessed hope of Christ's coming would
grow lighter and brighter on the vision,
and become as an anchor of the soul,
sure and steadfast, and linking it to
that within the veil, whither Jesus our
Forerunner has entered."

Shine in The Home.

Be a light unto all that are in the
house. Shine where you live. Eat
without fault-finding. Mend the torn gar-
ment without complaint. Go on the un-
pleasant errand without bewailing the
necessity. Respond to the call for
help cheerfully. Commend often;
censure only when you must. "Papa,
I do try to do right; won't you please
tell me sometimes when I please you,"
a little girl said to her father, who was
constantly correcting her. The lights
of kindness, gentleness, patience and
consideration should never go out.

We should keep the light of a holy
example always burning. A boat went
out to sea carrying a father and daugh-
ter. A terrible storm came up as they
were hurrying back. The coast was
dangerous. The mother lighted a
lamp and started up the worn stairway
to the attic window. "It won't do
any good, mother," the son called
after her. But the mother went up,
put the light in the window, knelt be-
side it and prayed. Out in the storm
the daughter saw a glimmer of gold on
the water's edge. "Steer for that,"
the father said. Slowly but steadily
they came toward the light, and at
last were anchored in the little sheltered
harbor by the cottage. "Thank
God!" cried the mother, as she heard
their glad voices and came down the
stairway with the lamp in her hand.

"How did you get here?" she said,
"we steered by mother's light,"
answered the daughter, although we
did not know what it is out there."

"Ah," thought the boy, a wayward
boy, "it is time I was steering by my
mother's light," and ere he slept he
surrendered himself to God and asked
him to guide him over life's rough
sea. Months went by and disease
smote him. "He can not live long,"
was the verdict of the doctor; and
one stormy night he lay dying. "Do
not be afraid for me," he said as they
wept; "I shall make the harbor, for
I am steering by my mother's light."

—Illustrator.

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Nine Boils On Neck.

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troubled with boils can em-
pathize with poor old
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Bitters in those days, so
had to suffer in silence.
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miserly of boils.

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be cleansed of all impurities
and every boil will quickly
appear.

Miss Lydia Moody, Ruscom, Essex
Ont., sends the following statement of
case: "Some time ago my blood
out of order that many boils appeared
my body and prevented me having
rest. I had nine on my neck at dif-
ferent times, and quite a number of small
ones on my shoulders and arms.

"Our next door neighbor, seeing
condition I was in, told me to take
for my blood, and I did so.
After I had finished the first
found that some of the boils had
peared and all the rest were getting
smaller. I then got two more
and by the time I had these
gone there was not a boil to be
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