Yet who, thus looking backward o'er h

Feels not his eyelids wet with grateful tears If he hath been

Permitted, weak and sinful as he was, To cheer and aid in some ennobling cause His fellow men;

If he hath hidden the outeast, or let in A ray of sunshine in the cell of sin; If he hath lent Strength to the weak, or in his hour

meed, Over the suffering, mindless of his creed Or home, hath bent ;

He hath not lived in vain, and while he

The praise to Him in whom he moves and lives,

With thankful heart He gazes backward, and with hope before,

Knowing that from his works he never

more Can I ence orth part.

-WHITTIER

The World's Need.

The greatest need of the world to see Jesus. It was a great privilege to see His face in the flesh as the disciples saw Him. But it was not the color of His eyes, nor the grace of His movement, nor the height of His stature, nor the majesty of His countenance that profited those who gazed upon Him. It was rather His inner personality. Wise men looked beyond these external features to the spirit that dwelt within. This we may see also. We have no authentic description of the external feature of our Lord's person, but we know the inner life of our Lord qui e as well as His first disciples knew Him. He said, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." He is still with us. We may see Him, and and we may make others see Him also. Had He remained on earth in His bodily form only a few persons could have seen Him, but now all the world may see Him. He manifests Himself to those who keep Hi8 word.

It is the duty of the Chu ch to set forth Jesus Christ before the whole world. This is the duty of all ministers of the Gospel. If they fail to cause men to see the Lord of glory their preaching is vain. It matters not what other excellent qualities the preaching may have, if it does not clearly set forth Jesus in His power to save from sin, the greatness of His leve, and the wideness of his mercy, it can never accomplish the end for which preaching was intended. When the Holy Sabbath dawns and multitude bend their steps to the house of the Lord, most of them may have no definite idea of what they need most If they could clearly understand their deepest need and frame it into words as they look up into the face of the man of G d in the pulpit, their request would be, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

All Christian people must unite with the minister in setting forth Jesus before the eyes of men. We cannot do this as it should be done by merely talking and wr ting about Him. He intended that the world should see Him in the spirit and life of every Christian. The beauty of His character will not be seen until it is exemplified in the lives of His disciples. The Christian life is the light of the world. Every holy life is a transfigured Christ. It is well to immitate Christ, but it is better to reproduce Him.

That lit le book entitled "The Imitation of Christ," by Thomas a Kempis, has been read with i terest and profit by many thousands. Al though it is an o'd book it has not lost its power. But the title does not seem to be so appropriate now as it was at first. To our minds that word "imitation" conveys the idea of something artificial. Here is a good tree, beautiful in symmetry, in the color of its leaves, the fragrance of its blossom

would yield no nourishment.

G d and prayer, and it will bear fruit offertory as in the hymn of prayer; giving up of a habit, taking a certain

fruit of the tree of life. The Chris- | guilty of embezzlement. tian life is something better than an imitation of Christ. It is a reproduction "To me to live is Christ says the apostle.

We cannot make the world better by our own personal efforts, our best gifts, or our natural qualities. Our schemes of reformation and civilization | ject of giving as "begging sermo. s."come short. We cannot win men to Christ by our own genius, eloquence, or personal attraction. But when men shall see Chri t formed within us the hope of glory they will be attracted to Him.

-Christian Advocate.

A Begging Sermon.

BY REV. W. S."M'TAVISH, B. D., PH. D Probably there have always been in the church some who, having listened to a sermon on the subject of giving, contemptuously spoke of it as "; begging sermon" and who concluded, when they had made this inconsiderate remark, that they had relieved themselves of all further responsibility in the matter of giving. Whether this be so or not, it is true in our day that when a preacher refers to the subject of contributing to the support of Gospel ordinances, or to the advancement of missionary enterprises, there are some who characterize his discourse as "a begging sermon." They seem to hink that if they can only make the trite remark that "the sermon has a silver tail." they are at liberty to dismiss the subject without further consideration It is difficult to understand why, in some minds, the exposition of a text relating to giving, is not just as au horitative as a discourse upon a text bearing upon the doctrine of reentance. It seems however, that sermon on the former subject is often treated as an impertinence, whereas one on any of the great doctrince of grace is accorded a respectful hearing

It is just as well to understand that the preacher is not necessarily begging when he speaks on the subject of giving. True, his method of presenting render decision, and in so doing, run his subject may be similar to that of a man asking for arms; but, on the other hand, he may discourse eloquently and earnestly upon this theme without the slightest appearance of mendi-

Was there the least tincture of begging in that portion of the address of Malachi where he referred to the subject of giving? Did he ask doles of charity for himself, or for the temple, or for the advancement of the couse of God? Far from it. He, in God's name, actually charged the people with robbery, and he indicated that it was robbery or embezzlement of the most atrocious character. Taey were d spoiling, not men, but God, inasmuch as they had neglected to bring in what belonged to the Most High. Boldly did he proclaim that they owed a certain debt to God; that they ought to be honest enough to pay it, and that they would prosper on'y when they had paid it. He charged them with being wicked servants, who had l not only run away from their Master, but who had also carri d off their Master's g ods.

If the preacher of today shouls base his appeal on precisely the same grounds as those upon which Malachi based his, possibly there would still be a few in the congregation who would would not speak of his discourse as "a begging sermon." But the number who would thus speak would be small. The majority would begin to r alize realize how untrue and how unjust such a remark would be. They would feel that the man who dwells upon the fact that people are under obligations to Almighty God, and who insists that those obligations be recognized, could not be called a mendicant, nor could his address be called "a begging

Who is to blame because so many still speak ignorantly and contemptu and the ripe fruit which weighs the ously regarding discourses on the subbranches down. An imitation of that | ject of giving? Certainly the fault lies tree would be a painted tree upon a partly with the people themselves, for p ece of canvas, or a tree manufact- they often persist in misinterpreting ured out of the same kind of wood and misapplying what they hear. But and colored with paint, so that bark, it is possible that they have not been present the original. It might be a those who are their teachers in sacred perfect imitation, but there would be things. We fear the sulpit has too no life in it. Its flowers would shed often issued appeals which savored too no fragrance on the air, and its fruit much of mendicancy when it might, and ought to, have taken higher Reproduction is better than imita- ground. It is not the preacher's duty tion. Let a seed of the same tree be to ask for alms. When in the pulpit, planted in the earth; let 'it grow and he is Christ's ambassador, and it is his be nourished by the dews of heaven duty to make known to men that the ents of daily life. Such a man will and the light and heat of the sun Lord has entrusted them with certain have that experience corroborated by until it becomes a tree. It will put talents; that he will hold them act the word of God on the one hand and this remedy was first compounded our ives wonderful relief. forth living branches, leaves, blossoms countable for the use they make of sympathetic circumstances on the old men were young boys, and all this and fruit, and we shall have a living these; that he requires them to con- other. And though everybody says time it has been doing a steady work and wholesome fruit. Thus may the tribute toward the advancement of the man is acting in a suicidal manner, Christian show forth the living Christ. his kingdom according as he has pros- the man himself is c nvinced by ways the effect of the Balsam. People who Let a living seed of Christian tru'h pered them; that he expects his claims he cannot define that he has learned have been trying for years to break be planted in a living soul; let it grow to be recognized; that peop'e may the will of God. up and be nouri hed by the spirit of worship him just as acceptably in the It may be that this relates to the

takes this ground is not begging, If I had a little child who could not neither is he himself a mendicant. tell what I wanted, but who at the This is a truth which will surely be grasped eventually even by the most thoughtless of those who now characterize his discourses upon the sub-Chris. Observer.

The Pastor's Wife.

There are few positions more difficult to fill than of a pastor's wife. In the single matter of her social relations with the congregation there is required of her a flexibility, tact and goodnature such as few persons are called upon to exercise. The e is perha, s not another woman in the church whose social duties are so exacting. Other women, as a rule, restrict their from his physic an to cease from all visting to a limited circle, and their intimate associations are determined time came on Sunday morning he apby congeniality of tas e, feeling, and peared, ready to join the other worother affinities. There is no other woman in the congregation whose social sphere is so completely determined for her by circumstan es, whose visiting list rises into the hundreds, and who is called upon to adjust herself to such a variety of temperaments as surely be counted an adverse testi and tastes. The difficulties of her position must be apparent to all who w ll try to putthemselve in her place. Now unfortunately these difficulties

are often increased by the determinathrust her to the front in all the or ganized work of the congregation various committees, and through her fluence to count for the Kingdom." desire to cultivate the good-will of the people and to appear to shirk no duty which they may think binding upon her, she too often allow herself to ac cept these positions. The result is that the woman of all others in the church who should not be obliged to decide between conflicting opinions and tastes, is placed where she must the risk of offending. For not only is it true that things which another person might do without causing offense are resented if done by her, but that offense taken at her is very apt to have serious consequence for the congregation. It embarrasses the relations which b th the pastor and his wife must necessarily continue to sustain to every memb rof the church and induces points of friction that ought not to exist, if the success and comfort of the work are to be considered. Members of a church orgh to be very slow in insisting upon putt their pastor's wife into positions which her own good judgment would lead her to decline, and which needlessly subject her to the disfavor of any of the people. As an unofficial member of the various church societies she can do just as much work and perform just as earnest service, and she can do it without risks and embarrassments that are inseparably involved in sking her to take the lead .- Selected.

Decay of Christanity.

In every age since the Gospel was first preached there has been complaint of the decay of Christianity. In every age men have declared that the inner sub tance of religion has vanished, leaving only an empty husk of profession. In every age the charities of the Gospel have been spoken of as about to take their flight from an unworthy world, and the nominally Christian peoples as no better than white-washed heathen. The gulf between profession and practice has been declared to have grown impassable, and the hope of growth into better things has been treated as a delusion. But Christendom still holds together, by virtue of what it has of Christian principle to serve it as salt. And and die joyful deaths for the sake of ness, no irritation at first; but the Him who lived and died for us. For cheerless prophets who tell us need omniscience to speak with the confidence they use in judging the leaves, and fruit would faithfully re- sufficiently and properly instructed by character of their own time or any it would teach them charity. - Sunday School Times.

God Constantly Speaks to Us. The longer I live the more sure I am that to the devout soul God is

the beauty of the Lord and taste the | ing to the div ne standard, they are tradden path, but the man knows ! that he knows the will of God. If, The preacher who kindly and calmly however you do not know, do not actsame time needed to know my will, I would expla n even to the adoption of the simplest speech and the shorte t words. So we must trust God to make known His will to us.

God also werks in a man "to do." When you know what God wills you know that you have sufficient power te do what He purposes. You must not wait to feel it. Believe it is there. - The Rev. F. B. Meyer.

His Testimony.

A Christian worker who had been obliged by over-activity to turn aside and rest awhile, was s journing in a country village. He was under orders church attendance. But when church shipers from the household. To all remonstrances he quietly rejoined, "Every stranger in a little vill ge is a marked man, and if he attends hurch it will be counted as a tat mony for religion; if he does not, it will just mony. Now you and I know t'at religion and church-going are not synonymous, by any means; nevertheless, the world looks upon churchgoing as the chief outward sign of retion of even well meaning persons to ligion. Therefore, to bear witness for my Master, I feel that I must show which side I am on. I may They insist upon making her president | never again touch this village and of the church societies and head of while I am here I want my little in-

> IN PALACE AND TENEMENT .-- A marble statue of a kneeling girl with face on an open book was placed by Queen Victoria in an English church as a memorial to the royal princess who was found with her dead cheek resting upon the words of her open B ble: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will

In a rear tenement of lower New York lay a dying woman, whose husband, brutal through drink, would not allow hospital care. Under the bed snarled the hungry dogs. The place was noi-y foul and da k, but the missionary kept at her post.

"I'll go soon," said the sufferer, there is nothing more you can doonly stay-te'l me the words again.' So, over and over, until the angel of death had sealed the ears and closed the lips, the dying weman tied to epeat with the missionary: "Come anto me all ye that labor and are heavry laden, and I will give you rest."

Whether in castle, or palace, or tenement home, the human soul cries out with the same longing which c n on'y be satisfied and comforted by the love of God. - Report New York City Missions.

True faith in God disarms all fear and keeps the soul calm and serene in all the trials and storms of life, robs death, the grave and the judgement of their terror.

A poor rig picker takes his stick in his hand and goes through the dirty gutters of the streets and picks up little bits of rags and paper, and puts them into his dirty bag. They are afterward washed and made over, and come out pure white sheets of paper, beautiful enough for a queen to write upon. So God can take these poor bodies of ours, and out of them raise new and better bodies. Out of the very darkness and dust of the grave he can make something that will be brighter than the sun forever. -Todd.

The Hacking Cough.

One of the meanest things to get rid of is a hacking cough. There is apmen and women still live heroic lives parently no cause for it. No soreinvoluntary effort of the muscles of the throat to get rid of something is almost constant. Of course, with that the worst age is our own would many cough is a habit, but it is a bad habit, and should be stopped. When vou realize this and try to stop it, you find you can't, for by that time there is an actual irritation, which will ime. And if they had omnisicence never get better without treatment

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Every new experience is a new opportunity of knowing God. Every new experience is like a jewel set into the texture of our life, on which God shines and makes interpretation and revelation of Himself. And the man who feels himself going out of a dying Year with these jewels of experience, which have burned forth from his life during its months, and knowing that God in the New Year will sh ne upon them, and reveal Himself by them, may well go full of expectation, saying., "The Lord is at hand." Phillips Brooks.

The consciousness of the living God is the most powerful factor in life. It alters life, de ermines conduct and brings new duties and responsibilities

Whoever by word or deed lessens the suffering of men lightens their burdens, dissipates the r sorrow and contributes to "peace on earth and good will toward mea" is doing Christian work.

A hungry man is never a discriminating epicure. If you think the sermon was poor and your neighbor thinks it was good, it is a pretty reliable sign that your neighbor came to church with more hunger and thirst after righ esusness than you did.

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