For Common Mercies.

MARGARET E. SANG TER. Dear Lord, are we ever so thankful As thankful we should be to Thee. For Thine angels sent down to defend us From dangers our eyes never see : From perils that lurk unsuspected,

The power of earth and of air. The while we are heaven-protected. And guarded from evil and snare?

Are we grateful as grateful we should be For commonplace days of delight, When safe we fare forth to our labor And safe we fare homeward at night: For the weeks in which nothing has hap pened

Save commonplace toiling and play, When we've worked at the tasks of the bousehold And peace hushed the house day by day

Dear Lord, that the terror at midnight, The weird of the wind and the flame, Hath passed by our dwelling, we praise Thee,

And lift up our hearts in Thy name; That the circle of darlings unbroken Yet gathers in bliss round the board. That commonplace love is our portion, We give Thee cur praises. dear Lord.

Forgive us who live by Thy bounty That often our lives are so bare Of the garlands of praise that should

All votive and fragrant each prayer. Dear Lord, in the sharpness of trouble We cry from the depths to the throne In the long days of gladness and beauty Take Thou the glad hearts as Thine own.

O! common are sunshine and flowers. And common are rain-drop and dew, And the gay little footsteps of children, And common the love that holds true. So, Lord, for our commonplace mercies, That straight from Thy hand are be

stowed,

We are fain to uplift our thanksgivings-Take, Lord, the long debt we have owed.

### What Shall We Do.

BY REV. DANIEL H. MARTIN, D. D.

This question was asked at Pente cost by men under conviction of sin It ought to be asked with new em phasis by those under conviction of salvation. What shall we do for those not yet saved? We are approaching the best season in all the year for special evangelistic work. The time to favor Zion has come. The church that fails to engage in revival efforts this winter will miss a glorious opportunity for itself, and for the kingdom. For itself, because nothing so repairs the waste places in spiritual experience, rejuvenates a congregation, kills petty animosities, kindles zeal, unties pursv strings, and stifles the spirit of worldliness, like a series of revival meetings.

And for the kingdom, because God honors such special effort in the conversion of souls. The old and new Testaments bear witness to the efficacy of revivals to bring men into the king-

No one will deny that the fundamental purpose of the church of Jesus Christ is to win men from sin to salvation. Many earnest pastors and churches would like to see such results accomplished, and they are asking the question, "What shall we do?"

The first answer is found in 2d Cor 8:5. "They first gave their own selves to the Lord." This is the condition upon which spiritual blessings depend. We must give before we can receive. And just in proportion as we dedicate ourselves to God will we re ceive from God the blessing we desire. The Spirit of God surges about us as the ocean about the shore. But that spirit cannot get into our hearts while they are filled with selfish plans, frivolous projects, and worldly ambitions. If we will make a loving surrender of our hearts and lives, the Holy Spirit will fill us. The disciples were told to tarry at Jerusalem until endued with power. But they discovered it was vain to wait for power till they were cleansed. Peter must be cleansed of his prefanity; James of his bad temper; John of his jealousy; Thomas of his doubts, and when the cleansing came, behold the power came with it. Let us make this our prayer, "Search me, O Lord, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts, and see if here be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

"What shall we do?" A second for the object in view. If a church trials and evils incident to ci y work! in hope that some weary traveller the head buzzes and roars; we try to will pray unitedly and earnestly to be used of God in the salvation of souls, that prayer will be answered. God loves to hear definite prayers. A church might appoint a certain hour in the day when the members, however widly scattered, might pour forth their petitions. Suppose this hour were 12 o'cl ck, then, when the factory each person could breath a little prayer Spirit upon the church and upon its

In union there is strength and enthusiasm.

If there is any serious weakness in our church work today, it is the absence of definite and united prayer. We read, concerning the growth of the early church that the apostles continued steadfastly in prayer." It naturally follows that we read, "And the Lord added daily unto the church, of refuge. such as were saved."

We have more church machinery than the apostles ever dreamed of, and we have less results, because machinery must have power to move it. The power of the early church was prayer. The wonderful revival at Pentecost was not simply the results of Peter's preaching. The united prayers of the Christians carved into arrows every word of Peter's sermon, so that we read those who heard "were pricked in their hearts."

Elijah heard the sound of an abundance of rain before he saw the cloud. The sound was not in the tree tops, or it was not in the whistling wind or the faith. He could believe that God was for God, and God honored his faith.

er, prayer, faith, are all essential, but rection or discipline on the part of are the thirsty souls? Many perish there must be a fourth thing, and hat the paster. This ought not to be. can be spelled with two letters, "Do." We shall have better people and bet-We must be willing to let God use us. I ter churches if we, as pastors, correct The di ciples rolled away the stone, the evils frequently found in the memand the dead came forth. Jesus only bership. We should not fail to read few things are more insipid than watcould speak the word of life, but the Paul's letter to Timothy. disciples could roll away the stone. There are certain stones of difficulty that lie in the path of every unconverted man. We can get them out of the way in order that the Lord of life may speak the word of life.

been a conversion without God us ng human instrument. It is not always by sermons, or by ordained preachers. It is by the quiet word spoken in the forms of evil will tell and finally con school room, in the shop, factory, store or office. What a glorious thing it is and he will do the rest. May we to be able to proclaim freedom to the captive, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound! There i no joy in the world like the joy of personal work for Christ. It is not reserved for angels, or the powerful it is for every one who has tasted that the Lord is precious. The twelve disciples were laymen, and so were the seventy whom Jesus sent out on a soul-saving crusade. It was to the spirit-filled laity that Jesus gave His commission. "Behold I send you forth" It is a wonderful honor. Jesus says, "As the Father hath sent me into the world, so send I you.' Why was He sent into the world ? "The Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." Every Christian therefore is to be a co-worker with the Saviour of the world. You, Christian reader, can tell the story of Jesus' love. To to be a consistent life back of it, as the sounding board helps the public speaker. Let us arouse ourselves to action. The world all about us lieth n wickedness and darkness. Souls are wandering further and further from God. Many are becoming hardened in sin, passing on into a condition from which there is very little hope they can be rescued. Not only are they increasing in sin, but they are increasing the volume of sinfulness in the world. Let the membership of our churches awake to a sense of their leaveneth the lump."

Ye are the light of the world."-Christian Intelligencer.

# A Faithful Ministry.

Sa'urday afternoon. My work for door found shelter, and was saved. mon ready. I had just finished reading an article by the venerable Dr. Theodore Cuyler, on "Push push!" push!" What an inspiration to a young man in a city pastorate, who is the tower. Every night when there

suffering, for the sins of others! A thou and different things come in to take one's thoughts and energies, yet, amid it all, we are admonished to "be his own peril and deliverance. faithful unto death," and then we "shall receive a crown of life." Is it not a glad thought that some day God's faithful servants shall have the priviwhistles were sounding the noon hour, lege to enjoy the habitation of a great him consider what he can do with it medicine is a very simple preparation city where sin has never entered, for others. Does he give money? that God would mightily pour out His where political corruption, mammon, Let him consider what the result shall heals the throat and the desire to ism, intemperance, and licentiousnes; be. Does ne go to church and pray? cough is gone. When the cough goes work. Or when the clocks we estrik- are not known? One shall not look Let it be not for himself alone. The the work of cure is almost complete. eck, and chest should be rubbed thorough ing 6, each heart again could voice to much to that abode. but observe religion of some men seems to have no

sentatives of Jesus Christ is-

peal, let nothing move us. God is a value. "Consider one another." mighty defense; Christ is a sure

2. Cry out with a warning voice to those who are yet on the borderline! throw out the life-line to those who are sinking beneath the waves hurl with tremendous force the darts of eternal truth at the leviathan of sin, who plows his way through the great sea of humanity and destroyes so many precious rives. We have no time to sit and look as though it were some great picture, the work of imagiaation, reproduced by the delicate touch of an artist's brush. It is not a pic-"What shall we do?" A third thing, ture, but a real condit on of city life no appetite. If the appetite should Outlook. we must believe. Have faith that as exists to-day. There is no time God is going to accomplish the work for sensational preaching or newspaper we desire. He is willing, and He has twaddle from the Christian ministry power. . What He wants is to see us Only vitalizing power of the gospel plenty she died of want-a want not willing in the day of His power. of Jesus Christ applied to present of f od, but of hunger. conditi as can redeem society.

We must not be afraid to disc pl ne th se under our leadership. When Ahab could have heard just as well : Christ said, "Feed my lambs," he meant that we should look after their ing the lands. The proclamation people could have heard. The sound best interests, physical, intellectual Elijah heard was in his own heart of social, and spiritual. Oft times members of Churches, or the lambs of the going to pour a great blessing upon fold, are a lowed to feed on the husks them. So he attempted great things of sin, to lead impure lives, and openly violate God's laws and the rules of On one side things are now ready. "What shall we do!" Self-surrend- the church without any words of cor.

4. Never compromise with sin Remember that if "there isn't much harm in it," there is some harm in it, The pastor is the thermometer of the church aud its social life. Let the temperature be at blood heat, then It is probable that there has never the pu'se of the church will beat fast and strong. Sluggishness and indifference do n t belong to true Christian work. A positive stand against all quer. Trust in God and work hard, push the cause of Christ to its finish. Rev. C. W. Brewbaker, in Telescope.

### Some Good Purpose.

The end we seek has much to do with determining the character of life The means used must not be forgotten. No one can be a good man while seeking good ends with bad means. But there is no good in our conduct unless place. The struggle is severe, but in we have a good purpose in view. Whether one makes money, seeks is made of a hopless bankruptcy which office, studies art, or indulges in amuse- might and should be avoided, or inment, the object sought is worthy of tegrity is sacrificed to the temptation consideration.

own glory, their own advancement, their own gravification, they toil and strive. They take pleasure in the attention they attract, in the praise of men, in their own happiness. Even make your word effective there needs religion which has no higher end in view than one's own gratification and comfort is not worth much. "Let your light so shine" that others "may see your good works and glorify your Father." Not that they may glorify you. Not that they may admire and praise you. Not that you may be pleased or satisfied.

Terrific storms sometimes come suddenly down in the great Western States. One who is caught is such a storm away from home may have a hard time to find his way. Many men women, and children have perished obligation. "Ye are the leaven that in these blizzards on the prairies. out in such a stormand struggled hard to get home. He lost his way and became exhausted. Just as he was about to ahandon all hope he saw a dim light in a lowly cabin. He man-I was sitting at my desk. It was aged to drag his weary feet to the liverance. So soon as he became able he bought the farm and built a fine saved from the tempest. He did not! build his house for himself alone. He thought of others. He remembered

for himself, but for others also. t on this has been a frequent practice. then utter no uncertain sound and spent more than thirty years on the prompt relief.

take a definite stand against existing top of a high pillar had no very high evils. What we need to do as repre- aim. What possible good could all that suffering and sacrifice bring to 1 To plant ourselves firmly upon the world? He never thought of the the rock and never flinch from duty. world, except perhaps to get away It mat'ers not how severe the storm from it. Relig on which does not may be, or how loud the thunder may bring a blessing to others has little

### God's Fullness.

I once saw a letter written by young invalid who had been sent to Madeira to escape the rigor of a Scottish winter. It glowed all over with the praises of the place : the climate, no claim to an inheritance. the landscape, the friends, the foodall were of the best. Even in the matter of heal h there was neither sickness nor pain. But one plaint not loud but long, ran through the letter like its woof; the keyno e of its melancholy cadence was, "I have return I would be well. The next mail brought intelligence that she was dead and buried. In the mid-t of

This is the ailment of which many souls are dying in the city and the land of to-day. Wells of salvation are flowing, and overflowing and floodeverywhere resounds, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the wa ers. The whole world may get life there as well as one man. All the fullness of the Godhood is treasured up in Christ. Here is the water of life, but where -perish for want of thirst. I know not any pleasure of sense more ex quisite than a draught of cool, clear water, when you are thirsty; but er when there is no thirst. It is thus that Christ and his salvation are very plaster equalled to the "The D. & L. sweet to one, and very tasteless to another.-Dr. Arnot.

### A Great Demoralizer.

Debt-there is no worsedemoralizer of character. The sad records of defaulting, embezzling, and dishonest failures which we meet with so constantly in the daily press are often, indeed most frequently, the result of the demoralization of debt, and consequent desperate efforts at extrication. The financial props have given way. The little debt, which at first was small as a grain of mustard s ed, like the rolling snowball has gathered weight and multiplied itself a thousandfold. And still it grows, and like the fabulous hydra which Hercules was sent to kill, you no sooner strike off one head than two shoot up in its the end decisive; either confession of the moment. Debt ruins as many Many live for self alone. For their house holds and destroys as many find characters as rum; it is the devil's mortgage on the soul, and he is always ready to foreclose. - Christian at Work.

## God's Way Best.

Life's highest, hardest lesson is trust. When we have learned that, blessed are we. Happiness comes when we have what pleases us, but blessedness-finer and deeper than happiness-comes when we rejoice in what we have, being confident that God's goodness is in it all. Godnever hangs a scarf of cloud up in the sky but he drapes it beautifully; God never strikes a harp amongst the firtrees with the fingers of the wind but he does so harmoniously; and a life, -God never so places or tunes it but that beautiful and harmonious possibilities are there. Our lesson is to Years ago a young man was caught have eyes that see, and ears that hear, and a heart that understands this wonderful worki g of our God.-Sunday School Times.

## Easing The Chest.

It is the cold on the chest that scares people and makes them sick and sore. The cough that accompanies the chest the Sabbath was planned and the ser- He never forgot that wonderful de- cold is racking. When the cold is a hard one and the cough correspondingly severe, every coughing spell strains the whole system. We feel house on the spot where that log cabin | sure that if we could only stop coughstood, and placed a revolving light in ling for a day or so we could get over the cold, but we try everything we know How often we work, wearied and might see it and find shelter, and be sweat it out; we take big draughts of whiskey, but the thing that has its grip on the chest hangs on, and wont be shaken loose.

If the irritation that makes us cough So should every Christian live not promptly, and it is because Adamson's ation subside. Does he make money? Let him think that it is so efficient a remedy for of others. Does he study art? Let coughs and colds. This really great made of extracts of barks and gums All druggists sell Adamson's Balsam with it. such a prayer. In my own congrega- the condition in society here, and good object. The pagan saint who for your sore chest and you will find alue in Dip-theria. Sore Throat. Quins:

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There are a good many people who tell us that they are just as good as the children of God, though they have never been formally adopted into his family. They forget that it is only the children who are the heirs of G d and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ .-

Empty hours, empty hands, empty companions, empty words and empty hearts draw in evil spirits, as a vacuum draws in air. To be occupied with good is the best defense against the inroads of evil .- William Arnot.

It is easier to do that which God gives us to do, no matter how hard it is, then to face the responsibility of not doing it. We have abundant assurance that we shall receive all the strength we need to perform any duty God allots to us .- J. R. Mi ler.

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