

He has been a useful man in business, closely identified with a large and well known manufacturing Canadian plant that does business all over Europe, is interested in philanthropy, and is chairman of the board of management of the congregation referred to, and is in church twice every Sunday.

The fly-leaf of the book has this :

"This certifies that this Bible was given to F—— W—— for regular attendance at Sunday School," and the name of the teacher, a lady, is signed to it, in a plain, inartistic hand. That was written and given fifty years ago ; but as he told the story all hearts were deeply touched.

Did that Sunday School teacher dream that the Bible she gave that little boy that day would go all over Europe and America with him, and be for fifty years and more his guide when he was not sure of the way, and an unfailing fountain from which to draw when his heart would have its infinite longings ? Such it has proved to be.

Smith's Falls, Ont.

"For the Love of the Working"

By Rev. M. B. Davidson, M.A.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus holds up before his disciples a set of ideals far different from those which are current in the world. It might very naturally have seemed to the disciples as if Jesus were preparing to organize some sort of monastic order, as if he were preparing to call them out of the world altogether. "No," says Jesus, "I am not calling you out of the world. I am calling you to practise the virtues of these Beatitudes right in the midst of society. I am calling you to a life of service for society. Why ? Because ye are the salt of the earth."

Jesus has spoken of certain rewards which come to those who live the Christian life. The pure in heart are to see God, the meek are to inherit the earth ; and so on. But now he would turn the attention of his disciples from the idea of reward to the thought of the service which they are to render. They are to do for their fellowmen what salt does for those commodities which are sure to perish without it. It is a helpful thing to remember that rewards await the Christian. "Eye hath not seen,

nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." And yet the man who is good only because of the rewards which have been promised him, is not likely to be the best man. Stevenson says of the true traveler, that his soul is in the journey. And so the true Christian serves for the sheer joy of serving. Imagine two medical men. One works for rewards,—for the fees he intends to collect, or for the reputation he intends to make. The other works from sheer love of his profession. He collects his fees, for he has to live like the rest of us. And very likely, just because he so loves his work, his reputation grows. But there is little doubt as to which man represents his profession at its best.

Not otherwise is it with our Christian service. The man who does service for the church because he wants to have a good chance in the next world, may have chosen a better part than the man who never undertakes any Christian service. But the man who does service for the church because he loves the church, and loves Christ, and loves his fellow men, has chosen the best part of all. He is a true warrior instead of being only a mercenary. Rudyard Kipling speaks for the genuine artist when he describes the future life as one where

"... Only the Master shall praise us, and
only the Master shall blame ;
And no one shall work for money, and no
one shall work for fame,
But each for the love of the working, and
each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the
God of things as they are."
Galt, Ont.

Better Shepherding

If I began again, I would give a still larger proportion of my thought and labor to the work of the Sunday School and amongst the young people. I now wish that I had put more time into shepherding, especially of the lambs, even though it meant less given to sermon-making. I feel sure that results would have been better.—Dr. J. Monro Gibson