

is often needed and called for to meet cases of exigency; and these will occur when the regular supply is insufficient to meet the demand and earnestly may we thank God that helping hands and hearts are always found when required. Each member of a benevolent society becomes an integral part of that society, and is related to the sick or needy brother. If his obligations are viewed aright he will hasten to comfort and relieve him. Sonship is ours through Christ our elder brother. The want of this feeling of brotherhood is a crying evil in our churches and throughout Christendom and by it many of our common humanity are permitted to perish miserably in ignorance, want, and squallor. Christians cannot the charge be laid at many of your doors. "Inasmuch as ye did it not" etc. Out upon such coldness, such indifference among the blood bought children of one common Father! Giving includes many many more things than mere money, which in reality is far less valuable. Make a practice of giving loving and gentle words, to those whose hearts are lonely and craving for sympathy, give ready and active assistance when required and do not be satisfied with saying, "How sorry I am," give time from your own ease and find out how this one's burden can be made lighter and that weak, trembling, erring brother or sister be strengthened and encouraged, again to try to keep from temptation and win for themselves once more a name and place of respectability among men and hope of eternal life through an ever kind, loving and willing Saviour. If these things are so and God's loving gifts are offered us thus abundantly shall we be satisfied with giving barely enough to keep our standing in the community as professing Christians. No, rather let our lives be a song of praise and our giving be that of heart and means consecrated to God's service. Must Christ work "who upholdeth all things by the word of His power," and must not we. Paul says "I laboured more abundantly than they all." Work, abundant labour is among the signs of an Apostle and signs of a Christian too, for the clearest evidence of Christian character is working for and giving to Christ. The story of the Scotch baron who tired and disheartened at some difficulties, decided to drown himself; when about plunging in, felt something pull him, turning round he saw a little girl who begged for help for a sick and dying mother. He took her by the hand, and went home with her, found misery, cold, hunger and approaching death. He gave relief received the mother's thanks and blessing and on his return to the stream, he said: "O foolish man! to think of taking my life when there is so much real joy to be found on earth. In giving happiness to this family

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