

sustained energy. But do they fail to master the complicated details of some great enterprize? Or, do they fail in needful eloquence when they desire to commend it to the general community? Never, at any former time, were there so many men of high business capacity and intelligence, as we now have. A fair share of these are Christian men. But how many of them take no part in active work for Christ. There are many splendid exceptions, but the bulk of our Christian business men, seem not to rise to the conception of any earnest, energetic and sustained work for Christ. In fact, they do nothing for Christ. One busy year follows another during which their voice has never been heard on behalf of Christ, and no Christian enterprize has been sustained or advanced by their energy.

Is there not a great mistake here? Business men, we appeal to yourselves. Is there not a tremendous miscalculation at the basis of that merely worldly life you are content to lead? Is there not the exaltation of that which is infinitely paltry over that which is infinitely great? Is there not the preferring of that which is merely temporary to that which is eternal? Is there not the mistake of giving yourselves wholly to work far meaner than befits you, to the neglect of that which is worthy of your highest powers? Now, as never before, there is abundant scope in the various walks of Christian usefulness for every talent and energy of every member of the Church of Christ. New facilities are afforded in these days for the profitable employment of every man willing to put his hand to work. And there are calls on every side, fields of labour near at hand, inviting by their rich promise, or pleading by their very destitution. How can any true-hearted Christian, layman or not, stand by while so much work is to be done for the Master? Absorption in mere worldly work, whatever that work may be, is but a busy idleness on the part of a Christian man. He should be attending to

something better. It is his privilege to take his place among God's sowers and reapers, and to gather fruit unto life eternal. We could imagine nothing harder than for him to be excluded necessarily from that work, and thus to have no hope of that gladness of heart when sowers and reapers shall rejoice together. But how can we characterize the spirit of the man who excludes himself both from this work and this reward? Upon whose mind it has never dawned to aspire to the distinction of him who turns many to righteousness? Whose wisdom seems to lie in a hearty and thorough attention to every work except that of winning souls for Christ? He that winneth souls is wise. They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever. Why should any Christian layman be destitute of that wisdom, or be excluded from that special glory at last? Why, indeed?

HEALING BY PRAYER.

We all know more or less of sickness. It comes to us at times by slow and stealthy step, gaining a little each day, till it becomes master, and we are forced to succumb to our unwelcome visitor. Or it may come suddenly, without note of warning, as the lion leaps on his prey. But let us suppose that, no matter how, sickness, sore, serious, severe, has come, and that we, or some loved one, is fairly in its grasp. What are we to do?

Good nursing is of great account at such a time as this. Let there be plenty of fresh air, quietness, ventilation, rest, sleep, with the use of such simple remedies as every one ought to know something about. Good medical advice is also of great importance. Some expect too much of doctors, thinking they ought to know every thing and be able to do every thing, putting them in the place of God. Others again expect too little, and never, even in serious illness, call for medical advice at all, or