

## MAN'S FOLLY.

MOST men listen more attentively to the world than to God. The world promiseth only impure and transitory joy, and men engage with ardour in its unholy service, but to that which is supreme and everlasting their hearts are insensible and unmoved. Even the sea exclaimeth, "Be thou ashamed, O Zidon!" because for a trifling acquisition of wealth or honor a tedious and fatiguing journey is cheerfully undertaken; but to obtain eternal life not a foot is lifted from the earth. The sordid gain of perishing riches engages the pursuit and employs the industry of all; and the most inconsiderable share of this imaginary property is obstinately and bitterly contested. For the vain expectation of a vainer possession, men dread not the fatigue of sleepless nights and restless days; but, deplorable insensibility, for unchangeable good, for an inestimable recompense for unsullied glory and endless happiness, the least solicitude and the least labor is thought too dear a purchase.

I am not told to labor,  
To put away my sin;  
So foolish, weak and helpless,  
I never could begin.  
But blessed truth—I know it!  
Though ruined by the fall,  
Christ for my soul hath suffered,  
Yes, Christ hath done it all.