

Parish—they held a prayer-meeting. Both Laity and Clergy felt it would be a crying disgrace, in a rich Parish like theirs, that the Church should be consecrated whilst still in debt. They were a mere handful of people, twenty at the most, gathered at that prayer-meeting, and they wanted £3,000 to complete the Church. Their ordinary collection was about £80 or £90, or at the most £200 for some special purpose. He read that passage which speaks of the silver and gold belonging to God, and then they all knelt down, and he asked them to be silent on their knees for two minutes, and pray to God, to whom the silver and gold belonged, to put it into the hearts of those who had money to give; and he could trace the answer to their prayers, for the next morning there came to the Church, one who was very seldom there, who owned some property in the neighborhood. Before the service began his heart was touched, his eye fell upon the papers placed in the seats, giving the simple statement of the case, and asking for generous help to clear the debt; whereupon he wrote a check for £2,000, and God so stirred the congregation that they gave the other £1,000, thus enabling them to open their Church free from debt. He prayed God that the Cathedral might fulfil the idea and manifest the love of Christ, and he trusted that the result of the festival of that day would be that those who were worshipping in that Church would live a life of repentance, of joyous faith, and of entire surrender of body, soul, and spirit to Him who gave up everything on the Cross for them.

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TWO MASTERS."*

ONE is our Master, even Christ, and if we would do loyal service to Him we must be WHOLE-HEARTED and never yield willing obedience to the world. It may appear possible to divide our allegiance—nay, some live as though it were an easy thing to do so, but self-deception alone can make us imagine this, for the Truth itself hath said, "*No man can serve two masters.*" Occasions are constantly arising in our daily lives when the two ways lie open to us—the way of obedience to our Master Christ and the way of obedience to the world, the flesh and the devil, which latter is the way of self, and therefore always hard to shun. The battle has to be fought daily, perhaps hourly; it is never to be decided once for all, for those most desirous of being faithful to Christ our King are the very ones to whom the strongest temptations are offered to forsake Him. Over and over again the choice has to be made, and at times it is so hard a choice that all our faith and all our love are needed to help us choose the RIGHT; but then the voice of Jesus utters those words of solemn warning, of unalterable certainty, "*No man can serve two masters*"; and the faithful soul, conscious of its own weakness, will implore the guidance of Him who has said, "*I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.*"

Never until we shall have come to the end of our earthly pilgrimage will it be an easy thing to serve our own true Master, Christ, even though we may fully know how sweet and blessed a thing it is to live in obedience to Him, even