

THE TRANSFORMED TALENT.

ONE of the saddest sights in the world is that of a man of talent and energy going from place to place seeking employment, and returning regularly every night weary and dejected to his family without any hope of work ; and it is a sight sad enough to make the angels weep to see a Christian quite contented without any special work on hand whereby to honor God and bless man. God has a bit of work for you to do, and there is no better work than that which He puts into your hands. He says to you, as He said to Moses, "Come now, I will send thee," and He gives to you a commission and exalts you to be His ambassador. Down into Egypt He sends you, with a message of freedom to the poor and needy, the weary and sitters in darkness in your own land. He calls you to deliver them from the slavery of sin. This is an easy task when behind the commission is divine power. The hardest task is to do nothing. An aimless life is a life of weariness and sorrow. Work is the guardian of morality and the mother of manhood. The friction that polishes the diamond is an image of the attrition which gives