

the reward. Even the cup of water given in the name of a disciple shall in no wise go without its reward.

(3) The chief reward of a Christian worker is yet to come. This reward is a crown of life. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." "Be ye steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord." In the Grecian races there was one in which the competitors ran with a burning torch, and he who reached the end of the race with his torch still burning gained the prize. So is it in the Christian race. It is not the man who makes a great profession for a few weeks, or works for a little season, but the man who trusts Christ and who labors in the Lord till his master relieves him from service who is to be rewarded.

In this paper we have spoken of Christian work and Christian workers, but nothing has been said of those who profess to be Christians and yet do no work for Christ. And yet something should be written concerning them. To all professing Christians who are not workers we say, remember what befel the man that did not use his talent. It was taken from him and he was cast out into outer darkness, where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. It is a law of nature that if a power or faculty is not used, that power or faculty becomes enfeebled and at length becomes useless. This is true, also, in the spiritual world. If men never exercise their spiritual powers and faculties they will cease to grow. They will become feeble; and, if never used, will become useless. Thus the Christian who refuses to take any part in Christian work pays the penalty in sinking back into spiritual indifference and death. Let every Christian then take care lest he impair the faculties with which God has endowed him by neglecting to use them in working for Christ.

The truth then is clear. "The Lord demands work from every professing Christian. Shall he demand in vain? Should not this be the resolution of every believer 'Lord, here am I, send me.' " It is a fact that there is in the Church of Christ to-day a great amount of power lying dormant, which needs to be brought into active operation. In every congregation there are many who are putting forth no effort for Christ. There is need of organized co-operation in Christian work, need of self denial so as to make a bold aggressive attack upon the obstacles to the spread of true religion. In the time of the Apostle Paul we read of the women who labored much in the Lord and who were succorers of many. Let the Christian women of the present be worthy successors of the good women of the past. And let the Christian men of to-day be true soldiers and servants of the Lord, men like Peter, Paul and Timothy and others, whose names are in the book of life. Let no one say their circumstances prevent them from working for Christ. Paul, when a prisoner, did work for the Lord amongst the Roman soldiers. A Christian lady, who has been an invalid for many years, works for the Lord in her