

must yourself alone enter the lists and close with the last enemy. Nor can you find a substitute to stand in your place before the Eternal Bar. "EVERY one must give an account of HIMSELF to God."

Personal service, therefore, is expected at your hands. If you would be dealt with as the "good and faithful servant," and not as the "wicked and slothful," you must "go, work"—now, in the vineyard, and not stand all day idle. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, and as thy day passeth away and the shadows of evening will soon be lengthened out, if thou doest, do quickly. Personal dedication to Christ is the first thing—the consecration to His cause will follow. "They first gave their own selves to the Lord, and then to the Church."

"He redeemed me: he redeemed me: he redeemed me!" was the expressive answer of a poor Southern female slave who had been emancipated by a philanthropist, when asked why she followed him wherever he went, and proved faithful in his service. This will be your feeling if yours is the glorious liberty of the Son of God. You will realize that you are not your own. Bought with a price—having, with a great sum, obtained your freedom—being redeemed not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. You will feel bound to glorify God in your body and spirit which are His. "Lord, I am thy servant: I am thy servant—just because THOU HAST LOOSED MY BONDS."

"Wherever you go, Sir, I am yours. Every drop of my blood thanks you for you have had compassion upon every drop of it," was the warm salutation of a condemned criminal to Dr. Doddridge, who had laboured for his life, when that devoted man entered his cell. Thus should you feel towards that best of friends, who laid down his life for you. "The love of Christ constraineth us because we thus judge that he died for all, that they which live should henceforth live unto themselves." Herein is our chief end—to glorify God and to serve our generation by His will, before we fall asleep. It is God-like—"My Father worketh hitherto." It is Christ-like—"My work is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work." "To do thy Will, O God, I take delight." It is Christian-like. With each of the early followers of Christ it was the principal thing, to "please Him who had called him to be a soldier." "Deeper, deeper, and you will find the Emperor," the sentiment of the wounded member of Napoleon's veteran guard, as with keen language the physician probed him, may be regarded as the embodiment of their feelings. Christ was found in their hearts. Their very life was bound up in His. Each felt, "To me to live is Christ." They therefore, laid themselves out to do good as they had opportunity. They were servants of the Church—"of ourselves, your servants, for Jesus' sake." If they desired to abide in the flesh it was because it was needful for others. If, in time past, they had been "unprofitable"—they were henceforward "profitable"—"not seeking mine own profit, but, the profit of many that they may be saved."

"He first findeth his own brother." Having found the Messiah himself, this was the first thing that Andrew did—and his brother was the first one he sought after.

The woman left her waterpail and became a missionary to her fellow-citizens.