

Obedience is a harder thing
 Than anthems on the air to fling,
 Than eloquence more arduous far,
 Harder than labour or than war.

Thou canst not do one deed aright,
 Not one act pleasing in His sight,
 Except thou have His sure command,
 Take all thy orders from His hand.

If He says, "Fight My battles here,"
 Thou mayest go forth without a fear ;
 If He bid sing, or speak, or do,
 No matter what, He'll bring thee through.

But wouldst thou run, untaught, unsent,
 Thy life itself were vainly spent ;
 Rather thy soul with patience nerve,
 Until He saith, "Arise and serve."

Better than sacrifice is this,
 Herein and here alone is bliss,
 To catch His smile, to hear Him say,
 "Thou hast fulfilled My will to-day."



TO BE DOING AND NOT TO BE DOING.

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."—Rom. xiv. 23.

All the teachers who merit the name of Christians, are agreed upon the point that there is nothing of greater practical worth than *Christian diligence* in those who are redeemed.

The shades of difference found among them chiefly consist in the manner of stimulating the