

privileges as a "member of Christ." You live in Him; without Him you can do nothing; you are kept safe by Him; all His power and His love are engaged for your salvation. However feeble and insignifcant you may be in yourself, He will spare no pains to save you to the uttermost. Give you up! How can He give you up while your salvation is possible? Does He not love you with a love so lasting that it is an everlasting love? Does He not love you with a love so deep that when you were a sinner He died for you? You are His own, and where He puts you forth He goes before you. Who, then, can harm you?

Are you trusting in this your Saviour, and yet afraid to confess Him, afraid to meet the world as His disciple? Think, then, of being "a member of Christ." Consider how you love, cherish, protect, your own members, however feeble. And see the cheering picture of the way in which the Lord Jesus Christ loves, cherishes, protects you.

Only remember, that whilst you thus protect your members, you expect them to obey you. Your will is law immediately to them. You wish the hand to open, the foot to walk; the one opens, the other walks at once if sound in health.

And what you expect from your members Christ expects from His. And they give it Him as readily, if they too are spiritually sound and in health. He wishes, and it is done—*Canon Morse's Privileges of Christians.* (S. P. C. K.)

Since I am the least and most unworthy of all the messengers sent for the publication of the Gospel, may I not die without having brought forth fruit.—*St. Boniface.*

NEGLECT OF CHURCH SERVICES.

A certain clergyman in the Diocese of Huron refuses on principle to officiate at the burial of any person who has neglected, whilst in life, to attend the public services of the church. To many this may seem a severe rule, but is nevertheless a sound and consistent one. Anyone who in health continues to absent himself from the assemblies of the church and from divine worship, has no right to expect that the solemn office provided for those who die in the Lord and in fellowship with His people shall be used at his burial. Moreover, those who absent themselves from a clergyman's ministrations in the church have no such claim on his services as to justly hope that when their mortal remains are consigned to the grave he will be required to pronounce the church's words of committal, "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life."—*Parish Visitor.*

O for the spirit which is content with nothing less nor lower than the highest help. To turn in temptation directly to the power of God; to cry out in sorrow for God's company; to be satisfied in doubt with nothing short of the assurance that God gives; to know that there is no real escape from sin except in being made holy by God's holiness—these are what make a man's complete salvation. It is your privilege and mine, as children of God, to be satisfied with no help but the help of the Highest.

Force may compel compliance for the time being, but gentleness and affection endure and reign continually.