

"What hast thou, weeping woman?"

"An alabaster box of ointment."

Give it to God. Break it; pour it upon the Saviour's head, and its sweet perfume is a fragrance in the Church until now.

"What hast thou, Dorcas?"

"My needle."

Use it for God, and these coats and garments keep multiplying, and are clothing the naked still.

You are a manufacturer or a merchant, or a mechanic, or a man of leisure, or a student or a sewing woman. God wants each of you to serve Him where you are. You have your business; use it for God; order it in a godly manner; do not allow wickedness in it; give goodly wages; preach not by a long face, but by being like Him and doing good.—*Selected.*

### IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

THE popular adage is, "Oh, it makes no difference what a man believes, so he's sincere!"

Let us see. A family was poisoned at Montgomery County last year, by eating toad-stools which they sincerely believed to be mushrooms. Three of them died.

Did it make no difference?

A man indorsed a note for a friend, whom he sincerely believed to be an honest man. He was a scoundrel, and left him to pay the note.

Did it make no difference?

A traveler takes the train going north, sincerely believing it is the southern train

Will it make no difference? Will he bring up at the south all the same?

If a man sincerely believes a

certain thing, while the truth about it is entirely different, will his sincere belief make all right?

The truth is, the popular adage is a lie—and a very transparent one at that! If a man is sincere, he will take pains to know the truth. For, where facts are concerned, all the thinking in the world will not change them. A toad-stool remains a toad-stool, whatever we may think about it.

—*The Covenant.*

### A FREE CHURCH.

THE Bishop of Fond du Lac, at a meeting of the Free Church Association of New York, said the Church was the Catholic Church, and as such was to be the Church of the poor as well as the rich. It was absurd that people should pay for a seat in the house of God according to their financial ability. Most people acknowledged that the theory of free churches was correct, and it could be carried out in this age as well as in the early Church. Our Church too easily becomes a fellowship of the refined and wealthy, and had a tendency to drift away from the masses. The churches were too much like club-houses, in which rich people took so much ecclesiastical stock. Poor people will not worship in them, whereas no creature of God should be kept away from God's house in consequence of man's selfishness and love of luxury.

A REMARK of an old minister is commended to all preachers who are tempted to complain of a small congregation: "It is as large a congregation, perhaps, as you will want to account for at the Day of Judgment."