

8 *BETTER LIVES FOR COMMON PEOPLE.*

were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." Nameless saints were these whose record is on high. Jesus had some private friends who were dear to Him, but their names are unknown to us. The glare of public life is not for some, the lowly station is more fitting for them; but in their own appointed place, godly ambition is felt and seen in their earnest endeavor to glorify God in their daily task. God calls some men to lay the foundations of His palace, while others form the turrets and ornament the imposing portions of His great spiritual building. If He calls an Isaiah and a Jeremiah to proclaim in glowing language the coming of the King and His march among the nations, if He calls some to be apostles and evangelists, He also calls others to serve tables and reveal the beauty of the Christ-life in simple devotion. In all true service the spirit with which the task is done is the test of greatness. The hewers of wood and the drawers of water who do their work well are greater in the sight of God than the High Priests who render