

## GO ON WITH GOD'S WORK.

There is work to do in this world for God. Instruments for the gracious accomplishment of His purposes are raised up. History is bright with the record of successful workers. See how God has called the right men to the right place a thousand times, imbuing them with faith, sagacity, energy, perseverance, love. There are workers, too, whose names are not famous. Diversity is a grand feature of God's busy workshop. All servants of that Divine Master are assigned their work. A mission is given to all true believers; when that is found out, solicitations to give it up are best met by the statement: "I have a great work to do, so that I cannot come down." God's work is always great; in his name it is commenced, by his direction it is prosecuted, and in his strength it is completed. The religious element brought into labour makes it glorious. True consecration springs out of our heartfelt interest in what is given us to do, because it is of God. A clear mark of His will, puts an end to doubt. Greatness flows from every action, word and thought, that is allied to heaven, while sin debases man. To attend to the salvation of the soul is a great work. Alas, many leave it, till it is too late. An interest in Jesus is first to be sought—"This is the work of God, that we believe on Him whom He hath sent." All is left undone, so long as Christ is rejected; but with faith in His name, we "work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God that worketh in us." Work for the advancement of Christ's kingdom is great and blessed. Wide is the field, even the world. Many difficulties stand in the way,—the opposition of men, the rage of devils. That is called a great work which subdues the forces of nature and secures their service for the good of man; in what rank can be placed a work that overcomes the hatred of the heart to God, and brings man a willing subject to the authority of the Saviour? This great work is given to the whole church, yet it is done by each individual proving faithful to his allotted portion. The sphere in which we move is to find us busy. In re-establishing the Temple-worship, the work of building the wall of Jerusalem under Nehemiah, for the consolidation of the privileges of the children of Israel, was successful. Mark, the work was laid out in portions, each builder finished the part opposite his own house. Go on, then, with God's great work in our families, in our own immediate localities, in the country where we dwell.

In work for the good of others there may be many hindrances. These cry, come down. It is pleaded that a little delay can do no harm, that your feeble influence can never be missed, that yielding a point or two can be of no consequence. Beware. Satan is sometimes disguised, he comes as an angel of light. Remember, great things are not always used, God hath chosen the weak things of this world to confound the mighty. Revivals have been originated by instruments of small account among men. However plausible the reasons appear for leaving off the work of God they are to be resisted, say to them all, I cannot come down. An overwhelming importance is attached to the post of duty, which leaves every selfish consideration in the shade. *God's work first.* A true worker is satisfied without the approval, the honours, or the recognition of men; toiling in possession of a good conscience, he is not dismayed, though the smiles and confidence of fellow