

## AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: THEIR PLACE GENERALLY.

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I am not going to read what I have written on the subject assigned to me as one entitled to, or claiming to, speak as an authority on the matter. Until I was asked to deal with the subject I never gave it serious thought. It is one of the subjects upon which laymen should, I think, look to the clergy for guidance; for it is, it seems to me, a matter of Christian morals, and upon Christian morality and Christian duty we laymen naturally expect authoritative dealing at the hands of the clergy, whose training and study are directed pointedly to these matters. I feeling thus, you will not be surprised to learn that it very soon became apparent to me that all I could hope to do was to present the matter to you from a layman's point of view; to set out what appeared to me to bear upon the subject; what limitations seemed to be set upon our enjoyment of the various forms of amusement and recreation open to us; the practical difficulty which arises when one endeavours to do one's duty as a Christian, on the one hand, and to take such pleasures as are open to one, on the other.

I do not expect to throw light upon this subject; I am seeking for light, and if I am able to lay the aspects of the subject which strike me most forcibly before you in a reasonably clear and orderly manner, then I think I am justified in hoping that in the