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Sometime

"Be wise to-day; 'tis madness to defer."
—Young.

We are going to do a kindly deed,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?
Our sympathy give in a time of need,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?
We will do so much in the coming years;
We will banish the heartaches and
doubts and fears,
And we'll comfort the lonely and dry
their tears,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?

We will give a smile to a saddened heart,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?
Of the heavy burdens we'll share a part,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?
Sometime we're going to right the wrong;
Sometime the weak we will help make
strong;
Sometime we'll come with love's old
sweet song,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?

Ah, how we'll plan out the work in view!
Sometime, perhaps, but when?
Building air-castles of what we'll do,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?
Sometime, resolves that we'd pledge to
make
We with fresh courage will undertake;
Sometime to duty we will awake,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?

Sometime we'll reap of the joys to be,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?
Sometime from worry and care be free,
Sometime, perhaps, but when?
Sometime we'll taste of the glories there,
Sometime a part of those splendors share,
And for eternity we'll prepare,
Sometime—perhaps—but when?
—E. A. Brinistool, in C. E. World

The Key and the Lock.—Prayer is the key of the day and the lock of the night. We should every day begin and end, bid ourselves good-morning and good-night with prayer. This will make our labour prosperous and our rest sweet.
—Berkeley.

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"Too Busy."—"Too busy to pray!" You might as well say: "Too busy to live." Prayer is not lost time. It is living itself. It is that without which no time is saved, but all time is lost. It conserves time, thus making it valuable and effective. Jesus prayed before he worked, and so got strength for his work; he prayed after he worked, and so made his labors effective and enduring. Like him we should pray before we act, and so get counsel and strength from God; and we should offer prayer after we act, and get the blessing

of God upon what we have done. Otherwise we shall labor in vain and shall fail. We should do this no matter how busy we are. We should do this because we are busy. Remember this: To pray is to live; not to pray is not to live, it is simply to exist.—Dr. D. Gregg.

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What Can be Done by Law.—"You cannot make men sober by act of parliament," is a favorite argument of the friends of the liquor traffic and of some who profess to be its enemies. This plausible plea is thus effectively met by the *United Presbyterian*: "If you can make men drunk by law, you can make them sober by law. If you can put temptations in men's way by a bad law, you can take that temptation away by a good law. Law is an educator. It helps to create a public sentiment. If placed on the wrong side of morals it educates in the wrong direction. God put the law on the right side. He told men they must not kill, or commit adultery, or steal, or bear false witness, or covet. Was that making men moral by law? It was putting the law on the right side of man's moral nature and leaving him a free moral agent; but if he violated the law he paid the penalty. That is all men can do. Make the law right, then enforce it and sobriety will take care of itself."

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Coldest City in the World.—The coldest city in the world is said to be Yakutsk, in Eastern Siberia. It is the great commercial emporium of East Siberia, and the capital of the province of Yakutsk, which in most of its area of 1,517,063 square miles is a bare desert, the soil of which is frozen to a great depth. Yakutsk consists of about 400 houses of European structure, standing apart. The intervening spaces are occupied by winter "yooorts," or huts of the northern nomads, with earthen roofs, doors covered with hairy hides, and windows of ice. Caravans with Chinese and European goods collect the produce of the whole line of coast on the Polar Sea between the parallels of 70 and 74 degrees, from the mouth of the River Lena to the furthest point inhabited by the Chookchees. A colporteur of the British and Foreign Bible Society last year made a tour of eleven weeks down the Lena, which is 3,000 miles in length, visiting Yakutsk, and selling gospels in their own language to the Yakuts in the villages along the banks of the river.

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A Compromise.—Says Henry Van Dyke: "There are two kinds of life advocated by many people, the simple life and the strenuous life. The true life is midway between these two forms."

"Hunting Christian Work"

These words were spoken to me by a young man in Minneapolis whom I, in response to a ring of the bell, found standing at my front door. His first frank salutation was: "My first name is ——. I am a graduate of Iowa College. I know you are a friend of President Gates. I have accepted a position here as a high school teacher, and I am hunting Christian work."

That kind of a greeting was like a dash of salt-sea spray to one on a sultry day in August. A young man hunting Christian work! He was not wanting something done for himself. He had no pet theory of religion or reform which he wanted me to champion. He merely wanted to be put to work with Christian people to push along the kingdom of God. That was all. And he proved to be a blessing to the Church. In several years of work with him I found him to be the sort of a young man I judged him to be as he sat with me that day and looked at me with never a wavering of his clear honest eyes. He was genuine, faithful, of a tactful, gracious spirit, asking nothing for himself, willing to be a hewer of wood and drawer of water while the Lord's house was building, and never hesitating to do his duty because it was disagreeable or difficult.

His kind is not too common in the Church. There are well-meaning, harmless, and even pious young men in abundance; but young men who are hunting for something to do for Christ, asking only to be used for the glory of His kingdom, are not as plentiful as they ought to be. And yet they should be as common as the Christian profession is. For what right has any young man to profess to be in the service of Christ unless he is ready for work and looking for it? Not simply easy, pleasant work, but hard, disagreeable work if there is need of it.

Above everything, do not be a shrink. Sometimes you may be called to go out there in front where the big guns are firing. Play the man and go. Be glad if you are found worthy to suffer for Him who will one day place the coronet on your brow. Be ashamed to be one of those who have to be coaxed into doing work for Christ's sake. There are people in the Church in regard to whom one must lay out a regular campaign in order to move them out of their spiritual inertia. Do not be one of their number. Make it a point of honor to be on the lookout for work for the kingdom of heaven's sake. Hunt for it; be eager for it; rejoice when you find it.—Rev. George D. Black.