

this rate, we must give up the use of every gift of God, seeing that there is not one but has been abused by man. To the adoption of the *Crucifix*, indeed, great and strong objections may, as I think, be fairly and wisely made, but to the simple *Cross*, none. And to him who bids me keep the Cross out of sight because the Papists have used it (as I think they *do* use it,) idolatrously, I will answer as Naboth did to Ahab, "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to" *them*. I abhor Popery as much as you can do, and the more I study its history, and principles, and see its practical workings, the more I abhor it. But because Popery has many bad things in it, I will not be so weak as to oppose what is good merely not abjure the doctrine of the Trinity, because the Papists use it. I do on the ground that it is received by the Roman Church; and it would be equally wicked to be ashamed to use the Cross, in fit places and on proper occasions, through a cowardly fear of being called Papistical. No; let the Infidel, and the Puritan, and the Schismatic, hate and oppose all exhibition of the Symbol of Redemption to the eyes of men: they may have their own reasons for doing so: but let every true son of the Church of England cherish it as "the inheritance of his fathers," and as the sign which he most honours,—that which was marked upon his brow in Holy Baptism, which is the source of his hopes while living, and which he desires should hallow his last earthly resting place.—*Page's Tract on Tombstones.*

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"ASK, and ye shall receive."

HOW GREAT WORKS ARE DONE.

ALL great works are done by serving God with what we have in hand. Moses was keeping sheep in Midian; God sent him to save Israel, but he shrank from the undertaking. We sympathize with Jethro's herdsman, alone and a stranger, owning not a lamb that he watched. He had nothing but his shepherd's rod, cut out of a thicket, the mere crab-stick, with which he goaded his sheep. Any day he might throw it away and get a better one. And God said:

"What is that in thy hand? With this rod, with this stick, thou shalt save Israel."

And so it proved.

"What is that thou hast in thy hand, stranger?"

"An ox-goad, with which I urge my lazy beasts."

Used for God, and Shamgar's ox-goad defeated the Philistines.

"What is that in thy hand, David?"

"My sling, with which I keep the wolves from the sheep."

Yet with that sling he slew Goliath, whom an army dared not meet.

"What is that in thy hand, disciple?"

"Nothing but five barley loaves and two little fishes."

"Bring them to Me; give them to God."

And the multitude was fed.

"What is that in thy hand, poor widow?"

· Only two mites."

Give them to God, and behold, the fame of your riches fills the world.