

bear his burden ; relieve his cares, cheer his heart. Inexpressibly cruel is it to lacerate and wound where you know you can do so with impunity and without loss to worldly interests. It is cowardly to attack those who cannot retaliate.—Be kind to all the members of the church. In a most true and important sense, they are your brethren—for they are Christ's brethren : and as you treat them you treat Him. Quarrel not, strive not, for in fighting with a brother man you may be fighting against Christ. Bear no ill will against any man,—for it may be that God dearly loves him ; and if so, then He counts your ill will as against Himself.—Ministers, sympathize with your flocks—with rich and poor, the steadfast and the straying. Be mindful with tender care of the afflicted ones. Neglect of the poor and sick is very thoughtless and cruel. Brother, beware of it as you would wish to appear acquitted at the Bar of Christ ! What lovelier sight on all the earth than pastor and flock united in strongest bonds of reciprocal affection, rejoicing and grieving together.—Ye rich remember with liberal hand and kindly heart the poor. Cold winter is on us now ; and with many it will prove a hard, dreary, comfortless winter. The sick and the needy are ever around you. Remember them, care for them, as you would wish others to do for you, were you sick and friendless, and destitute.—No work more Christlike is done on earth than to dry the tears of widows and orphans, and to relieve the wants of the helpless poor. When you are sitting down quietly in comparative comfort, remember, Oh remember, that hunger, and nakedness, and fever are not far from your door,—that they are devouring their victims almost by your side.

Sympathize with the stranger. In this respect we, followers of Christ, are often very much to blame. We forget the heart of a stranger, and pass thoughtlessly or coldly by. Why should this be so ? In a Free Mason Lodge, in a Temperance Division, the warm grasp of a hand of brotherhood is offered and received. How much more so should it be in the church of Christ ! We are all brothers by nature : and he is a

poor heartless man, who refuses to recognize this natural fraternity ; but we are brothers by a tie which shall survive the dissolution of all earthly relationships, and of the universe itself—brethren in Christ Jesus. This brotherhood should find active and constant expression in love, which could not be bounded by locality or name, or sect, or party. For in Christ Jesus there is neither Jew nor Greek, no rival nationalities, no antagonizing sects. Heathenism abhors the weak, the stranger, all who stand most in need of help and comfort. In ancient times in so-called civilized communities, as in modern times among barbarians, they were subjected to every species of cruelty and indignity, and often to death itself. Christ teaches us that we are all strangers and pilgrims on earth, and that our delight should be to bear one another's burdens, to minister to those in want, to comfort the desolate, to wipe the mourner's tears.

Sympathize with the godless and profane. Pity them and pray earnestly, constantly, from the heart for them. They are, alas, not far from any one of us. Now is the time to help them by words of loving counsel and faithful warning. For every day, nay every hour, it is becoming too late for some one of these godless ones. As they live, so are they cut down, so do they pass on to the tribunal of the Great Judge ! Do what you can, in most earnest kindness for all who are within your reach.

Sympathize with the poor Drunkard, who has so manifestly Hell within him and Hell before him. God has warned him, but he refuses to hear ; and so God writes on his face and features in characters dismally legible, the fact that he is a drunkard. Pray for him and with him ; and if need be, deny yourself for his sake. Whoever is a slave to any lust, however apparently innocent that lust or indulgence may be, is in a position of great peril and of moral degradation. The drunkard is the vanguard of the melancholy host of shackled slaves. No power but the Spirit of God can effectually break these chains ; and the Spirit works in answer to earnest prayer.

Sympathize with the ignorant, those who are not within reach of the means of grace,