

That is the place to make you master of your subject, to prune and strengthen your style, and to prepare you for other, and what may be more attractive work.

*Care for the poor* ; many of these are rich in faith, but they have many temporal privations and disadvantages. They are, however, Christ's representatives, and it is at the peril of His frown if they be neglected or overlooked.

*Above all, and before all, care for the sorrowing and suffering.* Their claim upon you is supreme. Don't wait to be invited ; the knowledge of their sorrow and suffering is a sufficient invitation. The more spontaneous your visit, the more welcome it will be. Make everything give way to this—your pleasure, your friendships, your tastes, your studies, your Sundays' sermons, all must bow to this. And when you enter the scene of sorrow, do it tenderly, as a minister of Christ. If you can do anything to alleviate the sorrow, never spare yourself, or your time. It may be the kindly word will be enough, but it may be the helping hand will be needed ; if so, give it cheerfully, remembering that your reward is in heaven.

*Take hold also of all agencies that will help you to accomplish your work.* Despise nothing, undervalue nothing, and seek to profit by the experience of those who have gone before you. Your one object is to glorify God and bless your fellow-men. Whatever will do this you should welcome and assist. Help all local organizations for the benefit of the people. Some of our ministers have allowed their modesty to keep them from taking their right place in these benevolent movements, and Methodism has suffered as the result. Identify yourselves with the Bible Society, the Tract Society, the Societies for benefiting soldiers, and sailors. Especially, for your own sakes, and for the sake of your people, use all your influence for the destruction of the national sin of Intemperance. You will meet with