

WORK FOR THE LORD.

Now, as to work for the Lord. The simple inquiry, and recorded as the first utterances of Paul to our Lord, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" is the duty and expression of every one distinctly awakened to the claim Christ has on him. This inquiry cannot be too earnestly instituted, or the reply to it too rigidly attended to. The inquiry is the offspring of a soul sensible that the Lord has entire and full claim on me, without the knowledge which authorises it. The soul feels "I am taken out of the world, and I am given to Christ, and hence I look to Him for my place and occupation *in future in it.*" If we are given to Christ "out of the world," it is evident that it is He *alone* who has right to determine our way and course *in the world.*

I could not say, if I believe that I am given to Him "out of the world," that I have any right to re-occupy any place or engagement which I had previously held in the world. True, He does not require or permit me to infringe on any legal lord under whom I was held before I was given to Him—but, excepting where the rights of others would be compromised, I am Christ's bondsman—vested legal rights are not to be compromised because of my being given to Christ: but I am Christ's bondsman, and necessarily if I am, both from duty and inclination, my inquiry ought to be "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" The more I own and