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heathenism. By a holy life you may provoke men unto love and good works. By a godly example you may lead men into companionship with Christ, where they will be roused to noble energies, and trained in spiritual service. It is the work of God you are to do. You are commanded to work in God's vineyard, and not to waste your talents in a little patch of unbroken land down in the valley, where the sun never shines and the vines cannot grow. You must take care not to spend your energy in a little vineyard of your own choosing, where you are sure to fail though you may have the wisdom of the ancients and the strength of a giant.

Sometimes God pushes men into His work. He invites and He commands His sons to engage in work for Him. "Come!" is often followed by "Go, work!" An unseen force sometimes presses you behind, and you fail to respond to the pressure and so lose the divine blessing. Some Christians not only fail to respond to the divine force pressing them to work for God, but they go farther, and push the wrong way. Sometimes God pushes you forward, and you push backward, and then you wonder why you have not more peace and joy. A call to duty may come from behind as well as from before. You may be looking upward