

*For Church Work.*

BY MISS ADRIAN.

Why do we so often hear complaints of this world being a cold world, and life being hard and wearisome? Surely it is because we do not try to feel that we have a loving Father in Heaven, who would not give us one more trial, one more care, than He in His love sees absolutely needful for our good. Ought we not to take these burdens from His loving hand with a thankful heart to Him for thinking for us?

I think that the little, everyday duties that sometimes seem to keep us from communion with God (we get so tied down and worn out with them), are the very ones by which we may gain sweet views of Christ, if we perform these duties as unto Him. He gave us them to do, and we may do them in the light of his countenance, and learn, at least, lessons of faith and patience. Let us ask Him to give us His presence always, and teach us what He would have us learn by these little things, and He will, by them, make us more meet for Heaven, more ready to do His great things.

May we regard life, with its duties, as only short and soon passing away—as if we were stopping a night at an inn on our way home.

And what, if we do wear ourselves out in His footsteps, is it not worth while doing so for Him? Think of what comes after:—

"They shall be his people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. xxi. 3-4.

## WESLEY'S OPINION ON LEAVING THE CHURCH.

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16. Sept. 9, 1784. "I believe there is no Liturgy in the world, either in ancient or modern language, which breathes more of a solid, Scriptural, rational piety, than the Common Prayer of the Church of England."—Vol. xiv. p. 317.

17. March 25, 1785. "(Being Good Friday), I hastened to reach Birmingham before the Church Service began."—Vol. iv. p. 99.

18. Sept. 4, 1785. "Finding a report had spread abroad [at Bristol] that I was going to leave the Church, to satisfy those that were grieved concerning it, I openly declared in the evening that I had now no more thought of separating from the Church than I had forty years ago."—Vol. iv. p. 320.

19. July, 1786. "Our Conference began; about eighty preachers attended. . . . On Thursday, in the afternoon, we permitted any of the Society to be present, and weighed what was said about separating from the Church; but we all determined to continue therein, without one dissenting voice."—Vol. iv. p. 343.

20. Oct. 24, 1786. "I met the classes at Deptford, and was vehemently importuned to order the Sunday service in our room at the same time with that of the Church. It is easy to see that this would be a formal separation from the Church. We fixed both our morning and evening service, all over England, at such hours as not to interfere with the Church."—Vol. iv. p. 353.

21. Jan. 2, 1787. "I went over to Deptford, but it seemed I was got into a den of lions. Most of