

life, the life in Christ and God; how it may lack the consecration of that purest of joys—the sense that we are “fellow workers” with Him, whose work was ‘to do the will of Him who sent Him.’ “Teach me Thy way Lord.” we must say in deep humility. “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, (poor, selfish sinners that we are) but unto Thy Name be the praise, for Thy loving mercy and for Thy truth’s sake!” What the world calls our good works will be valueless unless done for God. The hardest of all tasks, that of putting self aside, must be undertaken, and can be only accomplished by putting God and Christ in its stead.

The all-merciful, as well as all-just Judge of our thoughts and actions will not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, if He but see in us the earnest desire to do His will; and though, at the last, we shall have but the poor record of a life with too many wasted opportunities and neglected duties, and stained with the sins and follies of this earthly existence, yet, for the sake of One who was tempted like as we are, yet without sin, He will account us sinless, and we shall be clothed with His righteousness and share His glory.

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#### A PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR ON THE EVILS OF A DI- VIDED CHRISTIANITY.

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IN a late number of the *Independent*, the Rev. Dr J. H. McIlvaine, a Presbyterian pastor of Newark, in an article on Sectarianism, speaks of the “Protestant Church” as “shivered into a thousand disjointed and angular fragments, and which has well nigh obliterated from the

bosoms of her people and clergy even the sentiment of catholic unity—of that unity upon which the salvation of the world depends. For, what else than this can we understand from the words of the Lord, in which he prays that his people may be one, in order that the world may believe? We see, also that while the Church was thus engaged in rending the body of her Lord, and in separating his bleeding members as far from each other as possible, she lost all consciousness of being Christ’s missionary society, and for more than two hundred years never sent a missionary to the heathen. When it was proposed to do so, her leading minds scouted the idea.”

“Other evils of this state of schism throughout the whole Church are without number, and beyond all computation. It is, perhaps, the least of them that in every village of a thousand inhabitants, where there should be but one congregation, there must now be four, or five, or six, with all this enormously increased expenditure and waste of the Church’s resources. Each of these superfluous organizations, also, lies under the temptation to draw away the members of the others to itself; and thus the Christian community in every such village tends to become a pack of wolves, which prey upon each other, in place of the lambs of Christ’s fold.”

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#### BROTHER, CONSIDER!

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THAT by your absence from Divine Service you influence others to be absent, and you injure the sacred cause which you are sworn to sustain.