

the relief of the poor, and for the support of those who were ministers of the Word. And we know and believe that the wonderful variety that existed in the past history of the Church exists to-day. To one is given the work of preaching the gospel, to another, the work of teaching in the Sabbath school, to another is granted the grace of giving, to another the visitation of the sick, to another looking after the careless and indifferent, to another comforting those who mourn, to another the management of the temporal affairs of the church, and to others are given various kinds of work not here enumerated, which God has especially laid at their door. It is a good thing for a congregation, when every member is doing some work for the Master.

Some work may be pointed out to Christians by others, but if not, Christians must not be idle. They must look around them for opportunities of working, and if they are only willing, God will show them many open doors of work, into which they at once may enter. And when work is presented then let the Christian worker remember the wise man's injunction: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Our desire is to impress every member of the Christian church that there is work for them to do. There is work which will do them good to do, and which they cannot leave undone without injury to themselves. And if anyone else should do their work, then they will be the losers. Let no one make the mistake, that because perhaps they cannot do some great work, at which many will wonder, that, therefore, they will do nothing. He that is faithful in little will be faithful in much, and all great workers have begun by doing faithfully the little duties that have opened across their pathway. As the body has many members and each to each its own work, so let the members of the Church of Christ perform faithfully the work that is assigned to them by the Master. We have attempted to establish two facts in regard to Christian work, viz., that Christ calls every believer to work, and second that Christ gives each his work to do, thus giving scope for the exercise of the various talents, and gifts in the Church of God.

We now proceed to consider the time to work. When is the Christian to begin his service for God? The answer is very plain. "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard." To-day is the time for work. As soon as he becomes a son of God, as soon as he has taken Christ for his Saviour, then it is his duty and privilege to begin to work in the vineyard. It is too often the case that professing Christians put off working for Christ till a more convenient season. They acknowledge it is a good thing to work for Christ, because it is the will of God, but they speak peace to their consciences by saying, "next week I will begin, or next year I will begin," and thus those who should be Christian workers become paralyzed by putting off from time to time what should be done at once. The time to work, then, is *to-day*. The work brooks no de-