

## A SONNET.

What can I do that others have not done ?  
 What can I think that others have not thought ?  
 What can I teach that others have not taught ?  
 What can I win that others have not won ?  
 What is there left for me beneath the sun ?  
 My valor seems so useless, all I try  
 I weary of, before 'tis well begun ;  
 I scorn to grovel, and I cannot fly,

Hush ! hush ! repining heart. There's One whose eye  
 Esteems each honest thought and act and word,  
 Noble as poet's song or patriot's sword.  
 Be true to Him ; He will not pass thee by ;  
 He may not ask thee midst his stars to shine.  
 And yet he needeth thee ; his work is thine.

—JOHN READE.

## REPORTER'S FOLIO.

## HOW TO PRESENT THE GOSPEL TO ROMAN CATHOLICS.

Rev. C. A. Doudiet's address at the Monday Conference of the 22nd ult.

Before saying a word about the methods which many years' close acquaintance with this special work has shown us to be good ones, we must say that without *earnestness*, the best methods will fail.

Believing in the power of the Spirit of God, and in the efficacy of His Word, we may be sure that unless we live in earnest communion with God in prayer, and feed our souls constantly by the study of His Word, our efforts to accomplish any great religious work will not be rewarded with success.

The successful Reformer must be an "enthusiast," not, of course, in that sense which borders on fanaticism, but in that better one which includes, along with unshakable faith, most profound love. Such enthusiasts were Paul, Luther, Calvin and Knox.

Enthusiasm in Mission work among Roman Catholics means not only willingness to preach Christ, but to suffer for Christ. The missionary must not allow himself to feel unduly depressed in mind, if publicly insulted, reviled or slandered.

It may appear strange to some that missions should be necessary to Roman Catholics, their church being often called "a branch of the Christian tree." But those who know closely, not merely the theoretical Romanism of theologians, but more especially the practical Romanism of the matter, see missions to Romanists in a different light.