

us will refuse? He speaks from Heaven to us. He points us to our task, and shall we refuse Him? Shall we not rather say, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." And when He calls shall we not, with ready mind and cheerful heart, reply, "Lo, here I am; send me wheresoever Thou wilt, and I will obey." And do we ask, Where can we hear His voice, and how can we discern it? Listen! That is His voice which is uttered by the poor and needy—by the sorrowful and the sighing; and poverty, sorrows and sighs are the characteristics whereby we may know that it is His voice. But some may still say, There are so many hypocrites—so many impostors—we have been so often taken in. What then, are we to flag in our work? Surely not. For who made us judges? Did not our Blessed Lord heal ten lepers, and only one turned to give Him thanks? What if nine out of ten of those we assist turn out bad, we have done our duty, which was ours to perform. The rest remains with the Great Judge. For there is but one Judge, and He reserves all judgment to Himself. Do not our civil laws teach us to account every one honest till proved otherwise? Where are the signs of our *redeemed humanity*, if we adopt a lower standard for the laws of the Kingdom of Christ? Shall we lack our reward? Surely not! For He Himself will reward us openly. Even in this world He will make us great—make us approved before men, and at the last will acknowledge us in terms of praise and benediction before His Father and our Father—before the Elect Angels, our holy companions in labour. They never cease from doing His will. Let us not fail! For surely we have more reason than they for doing it, since Christ has honoured us more than they, by passing by them to come to us. For He did not clothe Himself in their nature, but in ours. He came not to redeem them, but us.

Let us, then, betake ourselves with fresh vigour to our task; always remembering that we have to suffer here, one with the other; and that, as surely as we persevere, we shall conquer, like the Great Michael and his Angels. And the dragon and his angels, being conquered by us, shall find no more place; whilst we, listening to the gracious invitation of the Great Captain of our Salvation to