

He has gone to prepare a place for his people. In his absence, the church is his representative. He "went about doing good" while here. Such should be the employment of the church. It is not as an army, quartered upon a community, and drawing its supplies therefrom, and thus rendering itself burdensome; but, being "zealous of good works," its charities are distributive, running over its bounds in all directions, binding up the broken hearted, drying the tear of the orphan, and bearing the light of "the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God," to the poor and benighted. It can never become conformed to the world, for its mission is to convert the world to God. It is ready to every good word and work; but knows nothing about fashionable compromise.

The church, like the body, has many members. They should be all employed. There is work for the weakest sister, and for the most talented brother—for the aged and the youth—for the rich and the poor. They all keep their hearts before God; and strive, individually and jointly, for the faith of the gospel. To do good is of God. From the smallest incident of life, to the largest scheme of benevolence, the praise of God is the pulsation of the heart. The child by the way side is grieved and weeping, at the loss of his toy—a soothing word and a penny from a kind heart and hand, have turned sorrow to gladness—good is done—Heaven is pleased. Nations are in darkness and death—the church in its strength from above, having put on its "beautiful garments," goes forth, bearing the word of light and life, and the solitary places rejoice—here, too, good is done, and God is pleased. All the range between these lies open for action. Let the church then put on her strength. "To your tents, O, Isreal!" was the watchword in the ancient times. To our own times, might this sentiment be transferred with profit. When every one is in his proper place—the aged and youth—male and female—strong and weak—then is the church strong. When the church is strong, then will the cause be prosperous.

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MARRIAGE WITH UNBELIEVERS.

A Christian occupies a glorious position. He is now a "son of God." He is going on in a magnificent career to a transcendently glorious consummation. When Christ shall appear, he will be like