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Evening.

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SO fades the day! The long, long day,
Where shadows arch the sunlit way,
And checkered cloud and sunshine play—
A life's long day.

A life's long day! The shadows creep
Near and more near. Strange breezes sweep
As from an unknown river deep.
Gone is the day.

Gone is the day—its hopes and fears,
Its happy hours of work-filled years,
Its sorrow, sin, and wasted tears—
Farewell, bright day!

Farewell, bright day! The night is here.
Hark, how the river rushes near!
All shuddering I stand and fear—
Courage, O soul!

Courage, O soul! O heart of mine
Now dawn on yonder shore doth shine;
One stands and waits with smile divine.
Welcome, sweet day!

Woodstock, Ont.

EVERY spark of mercy in us is from God's
hearth.

THE softest pillow for human pain is "God
knows."

EVERY evil habit conquered is a step toward
heaven.

BETTER a diamond with a flaw than a pebble
without one.

THE Lord may lead you around, but He will
lead you right.

GRATITUDE is the music of the heart when its
chords are touched by kindness.

BE more anxious to make your profession good
than to make a good profession.

ONE of the best proofs that a man has got true
religion is the fact that it does not sour with age.

THERE is one individual that always goes away
empty from God's door—the man who cannot
forgive an injury.

The Best Method.

ANYTHING that is worth doing at all, is
worth doing methodically. Things done in
a haphazard manner are usually but poorly
done. And in the exercise of the important grace
of Christian beneficence one cannot afford to be
careless and unsystematic. Yet it is a fact that
the majority of Christians discharge this duty in
the most fortuitous way.

Dr. A. T. Pierson has classified the methods
of giving as follows:

1. The Careless way; giving to every cause
without enquiring into its merits.
2. The Impulsive way; giving as pity and
sensibility prompt.
3. The Lazy way; offering to earn money by
fairs, festivals, socials, etc.
4. The Self-Denying way; saving the cost of
luxuries and devoting it to charity.
5. The Systematic way; devoting a definite
portion of our gains to religion.
6. The Equal way; giving to religion as much
as we spend on ourselves.

7. The Heroic way; limiting our own expend-
iture to a certain sum and giving God all the rest.

If we examine these, we will see that the first
three must be ruled out by all earnest Christians.
The Bible knows nothing about giving carelessly,
impulsively, or lazily. As for the others, they
may all be embraced under the head of system-
atic giving. The self-denying, the equal, and
the heroic methods are but special and note-
worthy applications of system in contributing for
the Lord's cause.

The Tenth Legion is comprised of those who
give *at least one-tenth* of their income for religious
purposes. It is not designed to teach that one's
obligations are discharged when he has devoted
his tenth to God. Since love is the supreme