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BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.



A Word to Workers.



THE holiday season has passed, and Christian workers who have been permitted to enjoy a vacation, are now returning to their fields of labor prepared for another season's campaign. The majority of these brethren have their "lines of work" clearly defined. But it is possible that this paper may fall into the hands

of some less experienced brethren, or some, who, for the first time, will enter upon active work. To such we would utter a word of caution,—give a word of advice. Don't fall into the error of thinking that great fields are necessary in order to secure great results. How often do we see a large farm from which the owner derives little more than a livelihood, while close at hand, is a market garden of three or four acres, from the produce of which the owner is deriving a competency. And yet the soil in each case is the same. Then, whence this difference. Simply in the labor bestowed. The market gardener thoroughly cultivates every corner of his little field. Even piles of stones which look so unsightly in some larger fields, are made in his garden to support the vines which yield rich fruit to his pleasure and profit.

So, dear brother, forget not this fact,—There are many small plots needing to be cultivated in the great mission field, whether home or foreign. Look to the Lord for direction as to which plot shall be yours, and then *work* it. It has been said of some farming lands in the West, that all which is necessary to prepare the land for seed is to *scratch* it over. We fear the purchaser of such lands would secure poor results from such scratching. And the worker who expects to secure rich sheaves from his field of labor, as a result of scratching over that field, will be sadly disappointed. *Cultivate* your field. And remember that the definition of *Cultivate* is—to prepare for crops—to devote attention to; to *till*; which latter word in turn implies "to work for an end." Let that end be the "Glory of God" and the "Salvation of Souls."