

He that so cometh to Jesus will in no wise be cast out. He makes His will and His way plain, whether it be to do great things or small, whether the influence we may exert be over the many or the few, whether the gifts bestowed upon us be the five talents or the one. We may be doing the will of our Lord in what seem the most trifling actions of our lives.

"The trivial round, the common task,  
Would furnish all we ought to ask;  
Room to deny ourselves—a road  
To lead us, daily, nearer God."

No uninspired words have ever contained a greater truth, no greater mistake can be made than to suppose the little actions of our daily life are too unimportant to be done as in God's sight, for he that is FAITHFUL in the least, is faithful also in much. And to his faithful servant the Master will show the work He wills him to do outside and beyond that daily task of self-discipline, and the round of familiar duties which cluster round each life. In the majority of lives there is room for a larger work, a wider sphere of obedience, and the heartfelt question: Lord what wilt Thou have me to do? will bring a response. The world is all around us, sin and ignorance of God, sorrow and suffering are on every hand, though we may not see them, if we raise a barrier of selfish interests, cares or pleasures between them and ourselves, but they are *there* nevertheless; their cry must reach us, if we do not wilfully stop our ears. To have done *something* in God's name and for His sake, to lessen all this evil and bring about the day when the kingdoms of this world shall be the kingdoms of God and of His Christ, will be our

most comforting thought when the evening of our life has come, and we review the time which God gave us wherein to do His work. "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do? May this be the cry of our hearts, as we look up to Him who came to be our Pattern and our Guide, as well as our Redeemer.

### BAPTISMAL REGENERATION.

BAPTISMAL REGENERATION is the New Birth by the Divine agency of Water and the Holy Ghost; *i.e.*, the *beginning* of a new Spiritual life, just as Generation or Birth by the human agency of Father and Mother, is the *beginning* of the old natural life.

(a) "I believe in one Baptism for the remission of sins,"—whether "Original" or actual; which gives the young Christian a fair and unencumbered start in the "Race that is set before him." (Nicene Creed. 1 Cor. ix. 24-7.)

(c) *Before Baptism.* "We call upon Thee for this infant, that he, coming to thy Holy Baptism, may receive remission of his sins by spiritual regeneration." "The everlasting benediction of Thy Heavenly washing." "Give Thy Holy Spirit to this infant, that he may be born again." "Doubt ye not therefore, but earnestly believe, that God will, &c." "Sanctify this water to the mystical washing away of sin."

(c) *After Baptism.* "Seeing now that this child is regenerate, &c., let us give thanks for these benefits." "We yield Thee hearty thanks that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate this infant." "Being by nature born in sin, and (therefore)