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things, but an earnest striving after things that are true. It is content to abide in the valley with the green pastures, without any yearning for a home on the mountain with its snow and barren rocks. It will be a fountain quenching the thirst of man and beast, if it cannot be a reservoir supplying the great city. It will see the beautiful traits of men and women rather than their faults and foibles, and bear the irritations caused by nervous women and sinful men for Christ's sake. This is the enduring life. Simply saving good seed from day to day will reap an abundant harvest in eternity.

We are indebted to the anonymous ministries of life for many of the blessings we enjoy. The anonymous ministries of life are greater in number and influence than the services labelled by the doers. Take up a missionary report giving the list of donors, and how few there are who are known to you. A hundred names, more or less, will cover the names of your acquaintances; the rest are anonymous. They are like the initials of the artist placed in the corner of a painting, which is recognized by a select few. The thousandfold acts of goodness performed in the name of Christ are known only to Him. But how great is their influence in the world.