

asked me on the day, "would I dispense the ordinance?" Yes, I replied. It was in the church where years before a beloved father had preached the word, and broken the emblems of the Bread of Life many a time in my presence, while I, a child, wonderingly looked on. But now I was to teach that congregation about living for Jesus. Then, descending, I stood behind the table. The thoughts were too many for utterance. We were pledging to our Master, with one another as witnesses, and pledging to one another, and to all God's world—love, our dearest treasure, even body and blood—pledging devotion, if devotion of selves for all require even that. We sang—

"'Twas on the night when doomed to know."

Why have I told of these things? Because it may set us to thinking, to feeling that the heart, the life blood of what we call "Christian," the essential thing, may exist among customs quite different from ours. Yes, exist where people think differently, and write down their doctrines in a different way. If any one professes love for Christ, let us study that person and learn to help him on. Let us think too that many may be living on Christ—though we do not hear them in word we understand. Some round about may be so. The knowledge of God which Jesus brought has grown so worked into society, in language, in ways of thinking and acting, that all the freedom from uneasiness many a one has, is based on Christ, not very consciously to the person. Let us waken that consciousness.

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MR. JOHN STUART MILL'S LEGACIES.

Mr. Mill has rendered an essential service to religion; he has demonstrated and brought home to the hearts of his readers the poverty, the worthlessness, of life without it. He has taught us how a great famine must needs arise in the land, on which shines no sunlight from the spiritual and eternal world. And he has rendered another service, all unconsciously, hardly less precious; he has justified all the homage and Divine honour which Christendom has paid to Christ through all the Christian ages, and has helped to explain to others, though apparently not to himself, how near to the root of all the higher development of Christian Society lies the Incarnation, and the passionate devotion which it has kindled in human hearts. True, he has some vague sentimental ideas about the religion of humanity, and the way in which devotion to the race may be hoped to supply both stimulus and nourishment to the loftiest human virtues, in a measure which will cast all the vaunted influences of religion into the shade. But his faith in it is not a power. Unlike the Kingdom of Heaven, his Kingdom of Humanity is in word, and not in power. He derived little joy and little hope from his prophecies; and his heart evidently strained towards the spiritual as the one home in which, if he could find it, he would rest.—*Evangelical Magazine*.

CHRIST; ALL IN ALL.

Remember it is not thy hold of Christ that saves thee; it is Christ: it is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee; it is not thy faith in Christ, though that is the instrument; it is Christ's blood and merit. Therefore, look not so much on thy hand, with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of thy faith. We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings: it is what Jesus is, and not what we are, that gives rest to our souls. If we would at once overcome Satan, and have peace with God, it would be by "looking unto Jesus." Let not thy hopes or fears come between thee and Jesus; follow hard after Him, and he will never fail thee.—*Selected*.