

that does not aim at pleasure, or without the exercise of the moral powers.

In this forgetfulness people get up "pleasure-parties," and go seeking enjoyment by itself alone. By carriage, by boat, by rail; in crowds, in solitudes, in cities, in woods, these seekers go. They go on holidays and holy-days. They go in crowds on Sundays to some "grove" where thousands of other people congregate. They drag themselves, and toil, and dig for pleasure as for hidden gold. They do not find it. Their search is a "vexation of spirit," in the sense in which Solomon probably used the phrase, a beating of the wind.

The same is the result with so very many of those who frequent our fashionable watering-places, simply because they are fashionable. It is painful to see the toilsome way those people go, in their contrivances to create pleasure for themselves and others. Hundreds come back from the seashore and from the watering-places bedraggled in body, mind, and spirit, more worn than many a soldier when he comes off a campaign.

Scripture Truth.

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."—JAMES I. xxii. This, to my mind, is a very important passage of Scripture. It does not say, be ye hearers of the word, but it says, be ye doers of it. It is of little value how much we hear of God's commands, how much we observe in nature, how much we admire the grace of God in others, how much we love the souls of men, or how much we value the name of the Great Creator, if we do nothing. Just let a man or a woman do nothing but admire the doings of God in the kingdoms of this world or in the kingdoms of grace, and his life is a failure. "There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God."—HEB. 4. ix. There is a land of rest for every true believer in Jesus. It is a rest, first from sin, then from self, and then from the opinion of others. Many think that we have to wait until we get to the kingdom before we enter upon this rest, but the moment sin is cast out we enter into this rest.