

not of, and of the living water which few if any have yet offered to the poor Moslems in that great city, and makes him wish and pray for the time when the sonorous cry of "Ya aatee Allah!" shall be a type of the cry of one bringing the living water of the Gospel, and saying "Behold the gift of God!"—*Ragged life in Egypt.*

WORKING CHRISTIANS.

Learn to be working Christians. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." It is very striking to see the usefulness of many Christians. Are there none of you who know what it is to be selfish in your Christianity? You have seen a selfish child go into a secret place to enjoy some delicious morsel undisturbed by his companions. So it is with some Christians. They feed upon Christ and forgiveness; but it is alone, and all for themselves. Are there not some of you who can enjoy being a Christian, while your dearest friend is not, and yet you will not speak to him! See here, you have got work to do. When Christ found you, he said, "Go work in my vineyard." What were you hired for, if it was not to spread salvation? What blessed for? O, my Christian friends! how little you live as though you were servants of Christ! How much idle time and talk you have! This is not like a good servant. How many things you have to do for yourself! how few for Christ and his people! This is not like a servant.—*McCheyne.*

SETTLE THAT ACCOUNT!

Two active working members in a strong and influential church have for months past been at variance relative to a contested account—one claiming a certain sum as his just due; the other as stoutly averring that he owed him nothing.

The amount in question was of comparative little importance to either; but the *will* was aroused, and there seemed danger of a permanent feud and alienation. Threats of recourse to law only widened the breach between the brothers, and a bitter spirit was enkindled which mocked all attempt at compromise. When they met at the weekly prayer-meeting neither could take part in the exercises; and one remarked, "I could not pray while he was present; I was frozen up." The church has recently observed a fast, sinners have been converted, and a deep seriousness pervades the society. These brethren could not absent themselves from the means of grace; and an earnest appeal at a recent meeting for the allaying of all bitterness, the amicable adjustment of all difficulties between church members, was followed by the resolution on the part of the disaffected ones "to have that account settled."

The next day the younger brother went to the office of the elder, and with outstretched hands said to him, "Brother L., to-morrow is communion Sabbath. Before we meet again at the Lord's table, let us arrange our old difficulty, that we may eat bread together in the spirit of harmony and peace. I'll pay you just what you say is your due."

To his great surprise he was met with the utmost cordiality; the other saying, "I have the papers now in my pocket, and have been seeking an opportunity all day to settle with you. That appeal last night was too much for me." Is it to be wondered at that speedily the stumbling-block was removed by a satisfactory and amicable adjustment of the old account?

O doubting sceptic, there is power in the religion of Christ to break through the barriers which the cares and temptations of business bring upon the soul; and in the heart of a truly regenerated man, be it ever so incrustated by selfishness and avarice, the leaven of righteousness is constantly working; which will ultimately assert its divine nature, and raise the soul into the pure and holy atmosphere of heaven."