

making ourselves thus useful? In a great number and variety of ways we may *all* exert ourselves to diffuse the knowledge of Christ—for there is no one who has not his sphere of usefulness. The poorest, humblest, youngest person amongst us has some one near him who will listen to him with attention—if, at least, he is aiming at living a consistent life himself. Yes, even a child may discountenance sin by showing that it shocks and gives him pain to witness it. While others, ministers, parents, and masters, may exercise a more direct influence over those who naturally look up to them for instruction, guidance, and example. The duty of those—whom God has called and commissioned to serve in His Church as ambassadors—in regard to the endeavour to win men to Christ—is public, extensive, and authoritative; necessity is laid upon them, and woe is unto them if they preach not the Gospel—this indeed is the business of their lives. But *all* are required to engage in this duty as they have opportunity—by well-timed entreaties, or suggestions, or expostulations, spoken in seriousness, and yet in love, not as though we would set ourselves up as holier than others, but rather as forgetting ourselves, and thinking only of making others happy. And all this—let us remember—is to be enforced by the persuasive eloquence of a holy life, without which religious exhortations and efforts, of whatever sort, will repel men, rather than attract them. Surely, then, all such as have known by sweet experience the blessedness of Christ's service, and are looking forward with joyful hope to the reward which He will bring with Him, will be most anxious to use the influence and opportunities, which God has placed within their reach, for doing all