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the other side, among the volunteers of Natal and the mounted police and the Cape Rifles, there are many members of the one Methodist family. We are sure that in every household and in every church Christian people will earnestly pray that the war may quickly come to an end, and that whilst an entirely satisfactory settlement is secured, it may be with as little bloodshed as possible.

Notes on the Ideal Life.

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, but the greatest of these is love."

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength."

"Let the same mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus the Lord."

"I beseech ye therefore brethren that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

"We cannot live the fully sanctified life until we are sanctified; but when the heart is cleansed, faith is made perfect, and the Holy Spirit abides, the life is easy and natural."—Kerr.

Dr. Lovick Pierce says: "No one has any religion that is so much at ease in Zion as not to be anxious to become holy in heart and life."

"No brethren, I speak from personal experience when I say that there can be little or no power as long as the conscience or the Holy Spirit points out in our life objectionable things which we make no attempt to remove."—Rev. W. L. Watkinson, D.D.

"To simply sit down and grumble at the church and bemoan the deadness

around is very poor consolation for ourselves and others. Get up and in the name of the Lord, DO something."

The Bishop of Ripon, in his pastoral for the new year, urges that the year should be set apart for special intercession and prayer. He says: "I suggest, first, that our people should be invited to pray continuously throughout the year for the outpouring upon the Church and the world of that Divine Spirit who alone can bring peace and concord and the spread of the righteous kingdom of Christ among mankind; secondly, that the first Sunday in each month, together with the Saturday that precedes and the Monday that follows it, should be set apart for special intercession."

THE UNFINISHED LIFE.

I feel in myself the future life. I am like a forest which has been more than once cut down. The new shoots are stronger and livelier than ever. I am rising, I know, towards the sky. The sunshine is on my head. The earth gives me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown worlds. . . You say the soul is nothing but the resultant of bodily powers. Why, then, is my soul the more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Winter is on my head, and eternal spring is in my heart. Then I breathe at this hour the fragrance of the lilies, the violets and the roses as at twenty years. The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds which invite me. It is marvellous, yet simple. It is a fairy tale and it is history. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose, verse, history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode, song—I have tried all. But I feel that I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave I can say, like so many others, "I have finished my day's work;" but I cannot say "I have finished my life." My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight to open with the dawn.

I improve every hour because I love this world as my Father-land. My work is only a beginning. My monument is hardly above its foundation. I would be glad to see it mounting for infinity.—Victor Hugo.

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RESULTS OF MISSIONS.

Dr. J. S. Dennis has penned some admirable sentences in relation to Christian missions and social progress. He indicates that, while so-called Christians at home have been industriously supplying heathen people with strong drink, Christian missions have initiated and maintained a temperance reform movement, fruitful in results. A new type of womanhood is being produced. Through Christian missions the women of China, Japan, India, Africa, and the islands of the sea are being rescued from a hopeless degradation, from enforced prostitution, widowhood, ignorance and seclusion. This means a new type of family life, in which "parental duty and parental responsibility become sacred in a new and hallowed sense; purer desires are kindled for the moral welfare of the children; larger hopes are cherished; special watchfulness characterises domestic training; parental pride and effort centre about a sweeter and finer type of character, and a higher mission in life is sought for the children of the household." The multiplication of such homes means the overthrow of heathen systems. — Evangelical Churchman.

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