

kind of handshaking done in the world. The hand gets hardened. It takes more to set the cords in motion, It is like drinking whiskey, the more accustomed we are to it's use, the more it take to makes us feel those delightful sensations which are the result of it's use. If it were not for this promiscuous handshaking would we not enjoy shaking hands with our friends better?

INDIFFERENCE.

Indifference is surely a potent factor in the continuation of ignorant sinning in this world. Indifference on the part of those who *are* informed as to the evil consequent upon all violation of God's laws. Indifference as to what may become of the mass of suffering and sinning humanity without our doors. There is sorrow enough in this broad land of our's to engage the best thought and action of each individual.

It would be well for us, ere passing on thoughtlessly, to listen to the gentle voice of Alice Cary, as she pleads :

"O thou who dost the sinner meet,
Fearing his garment's hem
Think of the Master and repeat,
"Neither do I condemn.

And while the eager rabble stay,
Their storms of wrath to pour,
Think of the Master still and say
"Go thou, and sin no more."

God is everywhere raising up instruments and fitting them to do some special work in his service. We are all capacitated differently and can all find congenial employment We may not be useful to the extent that Elizabeth Fry and Lucretia Mott were, but within our reach on every side there is so much wrong to be righted, so much suffering to be soothed that we may not plead excuses.

That grand woman, Francis E. Willard said in her address to the National Convention, held recently in New York city, "I have compassion on the multitude, this is the key note that Christ has set for each one's psalm of life, and deeds are the only voices sweet enough to sing it in."

In another part of her beautiful address, so full of food for thought, she reminds us :

"There are lonely hearts to cherish,
As the days are going by,
There are weary souls that perish,
As the days are going by.
If a smile we can renew, as our
Dark way we pursue,
Oh! the good we all may do,
As the days are going by."

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