

tue goes out of Him perpetually, so that He brings many sons to glory. The self-sacrificing of the Master, and thereof the reproductive life, is infused into all His servants.

And herein is our encouragement and our confident hope for our own work in the world. Christ asks us, "Art thou sinful?" and He answers, "I have died, and in my death have atoned for thy sin. Are thou weak? The strength of my resurrection-life is thine." But He asks likewise, "Take the new life which I give thee, and learn to sacrifice thyself; and thus thy death shall be life to those around thee: and thou shalt be no longer alone." It is true that to Christ only, in the highest sense, belongs "the joy of Harvest." But He shares this joy with His true people. They, too, will be accompanied by many brethren, but on this condition, that they learn the law of self-sacrifice. Of self-seeking and self-indulgence the penalty is this—and it is a sad and awful penalty, and it is incurred alike in small things and great—that every selfish man "abideth alone."

ALLOWANCES FOR CHILDREN.

Every child should be made to earn the money he spends, on the same principle that it is better for a man to earn the fortune that he owns; he knows the value of money because he measures it by the patience and labour it took him to amass it. It is the misfortune of children brought up by rich parents that they have no sort of conception of the value of money. Its want does not teach them foresight, sagacity, forbearance, self-denial. The child has a piece of money, and his only idea is to spend it promptly; but if he had been under discipline for four weeks for to earn that quarter of a dollar he would value it, and would not want to spend it. The danger is, that in some cases, by this plan, you may bring up a child to a mercenary spirit; but there are a hundred young men ruined for want of knowledge of the value of money where there is one who becomes a miser, or an avaricious man. There is

no time when the foundation of the moral qualities can be instilled into a man so well as in childhood, and the lesson should then be learned that for every pleasure and every value man has he must give an equivalent. Nature keeps books; and if a man does not, by hand or head or disposition, or something, render an equivalent for what he gets, he goes through life stealing all the while.

Nor is there any difficulty, with the exercise of a little thought, in finding employment for children; a bed in the garden; cleaning the shoes; carrying the mail to the post-office; taking care of a younger brother or sister; going over the books in the library, cleaning them, and putting them back in order. Any thoughtful mother will easily invent a stock of things which may be kept for the children to do to earn trifles, without unduly compelling them to make attempts beyond the reach of inadequate perseverance: for children are not naturally long-winded, and find it hard to carry on consecutive purposes all the week. The practice would save a world of trouble in the house. Nervous, active children, dying for want of something to do, are therefore tumultuous, break the furniture, and get whipped or not, as the case may be merely, because they have such a fund of vital force which is left undirected. In a well-ordered family the matter can be handled easily; but the trouble is to secure the management where the family is not well-ordered. Parents who are not fertile in methods would rather clap a child on the lap, give him a kissing, and call him a dear little cherub, and when he breaks out in some obstreperous and inconvenient way, go into the next room, give him a whipping, and when he roars, hush him with a "Be still! Don't you know we have company?"

It is better that the child earn the allowance than that he have it given to him. Of course when he goes away from home to school there is an end of his earning. Now a child who has been brought up at home to appreciate the value of money will not be apt to squander his money away at school. But it is a very bad thing to allow a child at school a large allowance. It is a great deal better that he should develop his