

quickens a sense of duty all round ; for self-devotion manifests itself in active service ; holiness finds its complete expression in love ; the practical goal of consecration is its effect on conduct. When the heart is devoted to God, devotion is the natural attitude of the whole life.

In common language, we limit devotion to what we call worship ; but devotion is a larger thing than worship. Devotion is the end of which worship is the means. Worship is only designed to feed devotion ; for devotion is the state of being devoted to God. And this is the beginning and the middle and the end of religion. Our Christian religion is not a matter of observances. It is the hallowing of all life, taking in its sweep all interests and all conduct and all thought and all intention. When a man can say with a sincere heart, ' I consecrate myself,' all the outgoings of self, all the activities of self, all the affairs of self become suffused by the same spirit. The consecration of gifts is involved in the consecration of self. It is the leaven that leavens the whole lump of life