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"DOE THE NEXT THYNGE"

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In letters of gold, o'er the casement writ,
I noticed the sentence by sunlight lit,
And though months have passed I hear the
ring
Of the words of gilt: "Doe the next
thyng."

At first they seemed of but little import,
And easily forgotten a sentence so short
But often at eve when alone I sit,
I see the words in my mem'ry writ.

There's a meaning deep to those who will
note,
And worthy they are to be learned by rote;
You've ended your task, "Now I'll rest,"
you say,
And in laziness spend the best of the day.

Like one rowing up stream who rests his
blade,
Drifts back, and looses the goal nearly
made,
You throw aside trials, and the thoughts
they bring,
Seek ease, when you should "Doe the next
thyng."

Or perhaps you've failed, as any man may,
"No good in trying," no doubt you will
say,
What! You will give up the fight? Leave
the ring?
No! never while you can "Doe the next
thyng."

If one door is closed another will ope.
And true are the words, "While there is
life, there is hope;"
So if with one thing you can't go ahead,
Why then "Doe the next thyng" my boys,
instead!

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MR. JONES, *loquitur*:—Mr. Smith,
you are a nominal Churchman, but
not an "Evangelical." I hear you
are "High." How is this? The
Church-people in your parish a few
years ago were all Low Churchmen,
your father and his family among
the rest. Now it is the other way
with yourselves and most of your
neighbours. This is very wrong.
I am afraid it is mostly owing to
the influence of your parson, who
puts the Church above Christ and
therefore is high indeed. Low
Churchmen put Christ in the first
place, and the Church below Him.
Hence they are evangelical, and
your sort are 'Sacerdotalists,' and
'Ritualists.'

MR. BROWN:—Yes,—Sacerdotal-
ists, because they believe the Church