

—lashing him in his silent hours. Think of his blotting out from his soul, all aspirations covering behind the clouds of despair all hopes. This is alienation, even enmity against God. How poor and wretched must be the state of such a person, and how inestimably enriched would he be to heed the admonition, "Be ye reconciled."

**Use for Grumblers**

Probably all things have their use in this world, and grumblers and fault-finders are no exception to the rule. It needs one or two dogs to take care of a flock of sheep. To be sure a whole flock of dogs would be of little value. They would produce neither lambs, wool or mutton; but one or two of them serve an excellent purpose. They guard the flock, they hunt up stragglers, they raise the alarm when dangers real or fancied are near, and so they really serve the shepherd's interests. So one or two growling, snarling grumblers about a church aid wonderfully in keeping things in order. They may be unreasonable, they may in themselves seem unprofitable; neither fleece nor milk can be expected from them; but their growls warn men away from danger, their snarling and muttering serves to keep people on the alert, and at a safe distance. Many a man has had great reason to thank God for the slanders and lies that have been told about him, and which have stimulated him to constant watchfulness that he might prevent their ever coming true.

So, good friends, if you can't be sheep, be dogs, and keep up your yelping; it may keep sheep in the fold, if it does not keep the wolves out; and in the end we may see that all things have their use, and that all things work together for good to them that love God—*Sel.*

**What Love Can Do.**

As a matter of fact, there is no motive principle of life which can compare in the results wrought on man's nature with this realized love of God in Christ Jesus. There are no such noble characters in all history as in the annals of Christianity. From the apostles John and Paul down to the humblest believer to day who forgives as he has been forgiven, who follows the Father's will as Jesus followed it, who loves his God and his fellow-men as Jesus loved him and them,

there stretches an immortal line of illustrious names, the like of which the world and every false religion must in vain try to furnish. For the devotee grows like the Being he reveres and loves. So the most godly lives develop the most god-like characters. To what an eminence does Christianity lead men—to become the sons of God, heirs of his kingdom and glory, joint heirs with Jesus, the beloved Son! Yet it is an attainment within the reach of each of us; for these nineteen Christian centuries have proved that human nature, inspired by Divine love, is capable of this sublime exaltation.—REV. WM. DURANT, in *S. Reading.*

**A Meditative Hour.**

The fire unreplenished with fuel soon expires. In like manner the spiritual life, unsupported by prayer and meditation, becomes a feeble fluctuating, expiring flame. Hence comes the need to every disciple of a sort of Sabbath hour taken from worldly thoughts every day and given to devotional meditation on some great fact in the life of Christ or on some pregnant words from His sacred lips as found in Holy Scripture. Such fact or truth resolutely held before the mind until it penetrates and melts the heart is as oil to the lamp. It moves the affections Godward, quickens the conscience, strengthens the soul in its purpose not to be overcome by the spirit of the world, and begets that spirit of voiceless prayer by which the believer retains his consciousness of the Divine presence amidst the stir and bustle of life's secular duties. The experience of the church universal, as well as common sense, teaches that "without something of this meditative habit, it is impossible to lay living hold of the first truths of mortality and religion."—*Zion's Herald.*

If one of our friends is passing through some sore struggle with temptation, and is in danger of being overcome, then is the time to come up close alongside of him, and put the strength of our love under his weakness to support him. Of what use is sympathy when the struggle is over?

**No God,**

No love, no life,  
No life, no source,  
That source is God.  
No love in man,  
For man, for God;  
And then, at last,  
To him at least  
"There is no God,"

Brother, *W. H. Adams.*

**Reduction of Railroad Fare.**

PORTLAND, OR., Oct. 3, 1882.

*Bro. Stanley:*

Please be kind enough to announce in the next two issues of the CHRISTIAN HERALD that the O. C. R. R. east and west side, and the O. R. & N. Co.; make a reduction of 40 per cent. to delegates traveling to and from the State Meeting at Eugene, good from Oct. 18th to 24th inclusive. Full fare to be paid going, and upon certificate of the Secretary of the meeting, reduction of 80 per cent. will be made on return passage.

W. H. ADAMS.

**The Helpful Word.**

Give the young and struggling a word of encouragement when you can. You would not leave those plants in your window-boxes without water, nor refuse to open the shutters that the sunlight might fall upon them; but you would leave some human flower to suffer from want of appreciation or the sunlight of encouragement. There are a few hardy souls that can struggle along on stony soil—shrubs that can wait for the dews and sunbeams—vines that climb without kindly training; but only a few. Utter the kind word when you can see that it is deserved. The thought that "no one cares and no one knows" blights many a bud of promise. Be it the young artist at his easel, the young preacher in his pulpit, the workman at his bench, the boy at his mathematical problems, or your little girl at the piano, give what praise you can.—*Ec.*

We look for a large ingathering throughout the entire country during the next six months. Our brethren are at work more than ever before and they are encouraged by the hopes set before them of success. The attention of the thinking classes are being drawn to a consideration of the demands of a pure Gospel upon them. The result is many are being fully persuaded to follow the simple, plain way.

Sometimes a fog will settle over a vessel's deck and yet leave the topmast clear. Then a sailor goes up aloft and gets a lookout which the helmsman on the deck cannot get. So prayer sends the soul aloft; lifts it above the clouds in which our selfishness and egotism befog us, and gives us a chance to see which way to steer.—*Spurgeon.*

**Programme of Co-operation Meeting of the Church of Christ, to be held at Eugene City, Or., commencing Oct. 18, 1882.**

7 P. M.

1. Devotional exercises, one-half hour
2. Address of Welcome, G. W. Whitney, Eugene.
3. Response, D. T. Stanley, Monmouth.
4. Adjournment.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 19TH.**

9 A. M.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Enrollment of Delegates.
3. Report of Missionary Board.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Election of Board for the ensuing year.

11 A. M.

1. "Soul-saving," P. R. Barnett, McMinnville.
2. Adjournment.

1:30 P. M.

1. Reports from Churches.
2. Appointment of Committees.
3. "Home Instruction," I. N. Mulkey, Pleasant Hill.
4. Adjournment.

7 P. M.

1. Address, "True Religion and True Science," S. C. Adams, Salem.
2. Discussion.
3. Adjournment.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 20TH.**

9 A. M.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Reports from Churches.
3. "How to make the Prayer Meeting a Success," J. E. Roberts, Halsey.
4. Discussion.
5. Adjournment.

11 A. M.

1. "The Duty of the Church to Co-operate in the Spread of the Gospel," J. W. Spriggs, Salem.
2. Adjournment.

1:30 P. M.

1. Fixing time and place of holding next Co-operation Meeting.
2. "Come, let us Reason Together," Mrs. O. S. England, Salem.
3. Question Drawer.
4. Adjournment.

7 P. M.

1. "Our Wants," S. M. Hubbard, Amity.
2. Discussion.
3. Adjournment.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 21ST.**

9 A. M.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. "Relation of the Sunday School to the Church," R. G. Callison, Eugene.
5. Discussion.
6. Adjournment.

1:30 P. M.

1. "The Care of a Congregation," Bruce Wolverton, Corvallis.
2. Discussion.
3. "Our College," D. T. Stanley, Monmouth.
4. Adjournment.

7 P. M.

1. Address, Dr. L. L. Rowland, Salem.
2. Reunion.

Each man and woman was sent into the world not to be like somebody else, but to do his own work and bear his own burden, precisely the one work which God has given him, and which can never be given to or done by any other.