

clamour of tongues assails you, and if the grey wolves are howling in the woods—say nothing and saw wood.

If you are unappreciated and tend to discouragement and life altogether looks bleak—go ahead and saw wood. Things will take a turn.

We all have our tasks thanks be! If we don't understand and can't see and are buffeted by fears and flurries, at least we can go ahead with our work. That's that.

At the business of life we are employed by the day, not by the job. We have so many bricks to lay, so many shingles to nail or so many feet of ditch to dig.

As for how it's all coming out, who knows?

Meanwhile let us saw wood.

Blessed be routine! Sometimes we complain of it. We curse the daily grind. But, take people by and large, it is they who have some imperative thing to do, some exacting detail, that keep sane.

At least they who work eight hours a day are not bored usually. And it is those who do not know what they are to do next, or have nothing to do at all, who get into mischief.

Only the idlers are world-weary.

Recreation is good, but only as a fringe, corollary and appendix of work. Nothing but play drives a man to gaol.

The sun is an old routiner. Every morning he gets up, and every even-

ing he goes to bed. He's been at it lo! these many years. Yet every morning is fresh and dewy and every evening is new. The oldest things are freshest. Men change their clocks, they sleep late or rise early, and they dispute about the zodiac, but the sun goes on sawing wood.

Do your daily work, attend to your job, go on with your programme, and so line yourself up with the steady forces of the universe.

Only by sawing wood will we get our national debts paid, and bring back prosperity, and achieve success, and outlive scandal, and establish a reputation.

What you do every day is granite beneath your feet. Routine makes power.

Saw wood!

The Bishop of Peterborough, in his recent primary charge said:—"The time has come for the Church of England to get out of the valleys on to the heights, to survey the whole landscape of devotion, and to make her choice from the treasures of devotional life in all the centuries, always applying the unfailing touchstone which will show which is the true gold, namely, the spirit of the New Testament and the standard of the undivided Church. . . . The problem of the restoration of worship to its place in the life of the people is ultimately the problem of

the renewal of their spiritual ideals, the re-thinking of life's every activity as an offering to God. We ought to make our worship so impressive, so appealing to eye and ear, that men may be constrained to the consecration of their best to God."

Worshippers must ask, not, "Does this help or hinder my individual devotion, but, If there come in one unbelieving or unlearned, would it reveal Almighty God to him: and "make manifest the secrets of his heart?" The clergy should be careful of the dignity even of attire and appearance. The congregation should realise and manifest their corporate responsibility as God's family circle assembled in their spiritual home. Church music should be solemn and moving, virile and powerful, sweet yet emancipated from the sugary sentimentality of the nineteenth century, and, if not a return to "some of those fine arrangements of the old Plainsong in which everything is subordinated to the words," should no longer display an ignorant neglect of the grave and melodious treasures of Tudor and Stuart harmony, or of magnificent locally traditional hymn tunes, such as the Welsh and folk melodies of all nations. At the same time the Bishop commends the new school of composition, and speaks of the debt which is owed to the compilers of the "English Hymnal." All music should be a breath from God the Holy Ghost.

maintenance of world peace.

Let us Confess—

The defects of our patriotism; our false ideas of national greatness; our want of sympathy with the difficulties of other nations; the cruelty and inhumanity which have mingled with progress; our slow emancipation from the spirit of national selfishness.

And let us Pray—

For all rulers, that they may be fitted for spiritual leadership; have a clear eye for moral issues in political questions, and courage, at all costs, to follow the light.

For all nations, that the strong may increasingly respect the right of the weak.

That the rising spirit of nationality throughout the world may be safely guided; that a vision of God as Holy may be granted to cleanse from vice and selfishness; and a vision of God as Love to deliver from disdain or strife; that all nations may come to see their mutual dependence in the family of mankind; that the kingdoms of the world may soon become the kingdom of God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Missions.

Let us give Thanks—

For the courage and loyalty of mission staffs and tremendous difficulties.

For the rallying of the Church to meet the strain.

For the power of Christian ideas in the outlook of native governments; and the witness of the Spirit in countless heathen hearts.

Let us Pray—

For true conceptions of the Kingdom of Christ, and for His coming to reign.

For union on the mission fields, and deliverance from intolerance and narrowness, from carelessness and disloyalty.

For all missionaries, that grace may be given in the application of Christianity to the practical guidance of life among their converts.

That the march of Islam may be stayed; that national movements may become a new Christian opportunity; that Christian men may find an increasing place in native governments.

For the deepening unity of all nations in the fellowship of missionary service.

Families, Schools, Colleges, and the Young.

Let us thank God—

For the increasing demand for education.

For the fresh interest awaking in many quarters in the teaching of the Bible.

For the growth of movements for child welfare, and the training of the young; for all Christian movements in our Schools and Colleges, and for all they have accomplished.

Let us Pray—

For the recovery of home religion and the practice of family prayer.

For the restoring of reverence by which love is purged from passion and base caprice.

For the capture by Christ of the student mind and a new recognition of Him as Leader and Friend of youth.

For the uplifting of ambition in youth from the spirit of gain into the spirit of service.

For increased efficiency in Sunday Schools; that the Church may lay the burden of the young upon her heart to bring them to God.