

the quick-witted boys of the common were within hearing. The religious man was saying: "I am of the opinion that our congregation should all alone maintain a missionary on some foreign shore. For such a purpose I will myself give a hundred dollars." "Ten cents on the dollar!" promptly shouted a boy outside the shutters of a window.

#### THE WEATHER WAS SO BAD!

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another."—Heb. x. 25.

A worthy old gentleman, who lived in the mountains, had one weakness—a habit of absenting himself from church on a very slight pretext.

One Sunday, which was a little cloudy, but by no means inclement, he was not found in his place. The next morning, at an early hour, as the pastor was standing on his doorstep, who should come along but this old man, perched on a load of wood, his hat and overcoat, his hair and beard, all white with the thickly falling and fiercely blowing snow! Seeing the pastor, he halted to pay his respects and exchange a friendly word.

"Good morning," said the old man. "All well?"

"All well, thank you."

"Sorry I could not be at church yesterday."

"Yes; I missed you."

"Well, the fact is, it was such a bad day, and the weather threatened so much, that I thought it was too bad to venture out, and the——"

"Yes, it is fine, pleasant weather to-day," said the pastor, glancing around at the heaped-up snow. "If we should

have as fine a day as this next Sunday, I shall look for you at church."

The old man blushed and manifested a desire to break off the conversation.

How strange that weather which is not too bad to hinder our pursuit of worldly business in the service of self, should prevent us from attending to heavenly business in the service of God.

#### THE HEART'S DEPTHS. † †

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."—Prov. iv. 23.

There is an island in the North Sea called Keldive, which contains, perhaps, the most curious lake in the world. The surface of its waters is quite fresh, and supports fresh-water creatures and fresh-water vegetation; but deep down it is as salt as the bluest depths of the sea, and sponges and salt-water fish live there, to the despair of scientists. Nansen found much the same thing on his expedition while drifting across the Polar Sea. He would often be able to get entirely fresh water on the surface of the sea, but down a few feet it would be brine.

There are many people who are a good deal like that. Such people often congratulate themselves that they are as good as their Christian neighbours, but it is only the surface waters of their lives that are fresh and sweet with Christian virtues. If some sudden emergency arises, or there comes some heart-probing test that stirs them to the depths, the salt brine of enmity against God and rejection of Christ's rule comes to the top. The whole heart must be sweet with the Christly spirit, or else all will one day be matted by the brine of sin.

# THE FIELD OFFICER.

"Go straight for Souls, and go for the worst."—THE GENERAL.

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## GOOD LEADERSHIP.

By THE GENERAL.

(Concluded.)

WE continue this month the Notes which formed the basis of a series of addresses by The General to the Divisional Officers of the United Kingdom, assembled in Council last July. They do not, of course, do justice to the spoken words, and the D.O's who were present will miss the amplifications and illustrations with which the complete address abounded; but the Notes, which are substantially the same as they were when The General used them, are sufficiently full and clear to enable the most inexperienced, as well as experienced Officers, to profit by reading them.

Now when I talk about Leading, in the sense of being able to lead, I take it to mean:—

I.—A MAN OR WOMAN MUST LEAD IN THE SENSE OF GOING FIRST.

He goes first:—

(a) To show the way to those who do not know it.

(b) To encourage the timid and inexperienced to walk in it.

He must be first in any good thing he has to do in connection with his Command.

He must be in advance of his people, not merely in the wearing of Uniform, in the title he holds, in

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Corps.	C.O.	Lieut.
Dalston ... ..	Skelding	—
Hackney Wick ...	Davies	—

#### NORTH LONDON PROVINCE.

##### Cambridge Division.

Arlesley ... ..	—	Gwilliam
Crowland ... ..	Mewett	Roe

Corps.	C.O.	Lieut.
Sawston C. ... ..	Gresswell	Hall
Upwell ... ..	Andrews	Sayer

##### East London Division.

Bush Hill Park ...	Jones	Rowland
Edmonton ... ..	Adj. Gottl	—
Tottenham II. ...	Corbett	Pritchard
Ware ... ..	Whitmill	Faulder
Waltham Abbey ...	Nann	Clark
Woodford ... ..	Ens. Tunstall;	—