

Some people think of an individual in Christian work as in exactly this situation. They think of God as the great general who has his maps before him, <sup>who</sup> understands all that is happening. We do not know anything about it. Our intelligence is only for the purpose of enabling us to attempt to cope with the immediate situation that comes to us from day to day. Whether we are to work in one place or another, whether we are to do one type of work or another, what our object is to be is all something which he fully understands and which we know absolutely nothing. Consequently some of these people get into attitudes where they look for a queer mystical leading as to what they are to do at every point. I remember hearing of a man who felt that he had liberty to build a trunk. He was quite an able mechanic and he built a very clever trunk which would be ideal for a man to use in missionary work. It had all sorts of gadgets and queer contraptions on it which would be very valuable for a man in pioneer work. He put a great many hours of time on it. Then one day he felt that he had no liberty to keep this trunk any longer. He must give his attention simply to studying the Bible and doing personal work. He was wrong to take so much time for it. He had no liberty even to keep the trunk. He took the thing which had perhaps ~~200~~ twenty dollars' worth of material in it, to say nothing of the great amount of time and effort he put on it, and he sold it for two dollars in order to get rid of it. He had no liberty to keep it. Shortly after he again found liberty to make another trunk. He seemed to have liberty to do this and no liberty to do that, and so forth, and his life was directed by these queer mystical feelings as to what he had liberty to do and what he did not have liberty to do.

Most people do not look for such mystical leadership. But many have the same general philosophy and look for some sort of a queer