

WHAT LASTS

Many a saying, a quote, a quip
Rattle my mind on my earthly trip.
But one of them stands, rings true, holds fast:
“Only what’s done for Jesus will last.”

To me my mother this proverb taught.
She said it often—’twas quickly caught:
“There’s only one life; ’twill soon be past,
And only what’s done for Christ will last.”

So hard and long the rowing can seem,
Or life may float like a merry dream.
Whatever’s rolled, . . . when the die is cast,
It’s words and deeds for Jesus that last.

You may plant seeds that refuse to grow,
Or fail to reap what you tried to sow.
Though hopes were high and your visions vast,
Your work for the Lord alone will last.

As I draw nearer my time to go,
I have to share what we all should know:
On these short journeys that pass so fast,
What’s done for Christ alone will last.

— *David L. Hatton, 2/18/2014*