

in partnership in business, we expect to pay our partner his full share of the profits year by year. Not to do so would be to work upon dishonest principle. We have always been taught that "honesty is the best policy," and we try to be honest, not perhaps so much because it is the best policy as because it is right. We acknowledge that every man has a right to that which is his own, yet how few there are who act upon this principle when applied to their relationship to God the proprietor of all things. When God formulated the code of laws which were to govern His chosen people the Jews, He distinctly told them that *one-tenth* of their *increase*, whether of the fruit of the vine, or of their herds, or of the produce of their fields, the *tithe* or one-tenth, belonged to Him. Thus he formed a partnership with them. They were to pay God one-tenth while God permitted them to retain nine-tenths for the necessities of life. God being the proprietor of all things, all belonged to Him, but He has chosen to elevate man to be a co-worker with Him and to share in the joy and reward of doing good. This law of tithing was just as binding upon the Jews as any other of the commandments, and the breaking of it was just as surely to be punished. In neglecting to pay that *tithe* they were charged with stealing from God, Malachi iii. 8. Great stress must have been laid upon the keeping of this law when such terrible curses followed the breaking of it. Dear fellow-Christian, can you prove clearly that this law is abolished. Did not Christ say that "He came not to make void the law but to fulfil it." The law remains, but what is the attitude of the vast majority of Christians towards it to day? Simply *neglect*. What else can be said? How many in our churches to-day have an account with God on their ledger, paying Him at least 10 per cent? To do less is to withhold from God His own, for the Bible says that "the tithe is the Lord's." Now the Bible is true, or it is not true. If it is true, to withhold the tithe is to put ourselves in the same position as those Jews who "robbed God," and to deserve the punishment meted out to them, but more severe, for superior light increases responsibility. Surely no stealing is so bad as stealing from God. Have we any right to pride ourselves upon our honesty until we have opened an account with God paying Him at least 10 per cent. out of our income? "Then shall the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose."

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RICHARD W. LARGE cannot claim any one place as the "home of his childhood," for, being a son of the Rev. R. Large of the Toronto Conference, he, like other children of Methodist preachers, had the privilege of living in a number of places during his early years. His birthplace, however, was in Orangeville, at which place his father was stationed in the year 1873.

That he was exceptionally diligent as a student is evidenced by the fact that he matriculated from Weston High School when but sixteen years of age, and then took one year in Toronto University and a term at Model School before being old enough to take a school as teacher. After this he taught for two years and a half at a school near Queensville. In 1893 he gave up teaching and commenced his medical studies at Trinity Medical College, from which institution he graduated in 1897.

At the age of thirteen he found in Jesus his personal Saviour and dates his Christian life from that time. The fact that, soon after he commenced teaching school, he was appointed an evangelist and then a local preacher, and that during this time he supplied the pulpit at Sharon for three months, gives the best proof of a continuous growth in grace and in active Christian service.

Richard Large has been gifted with a strong and well controlled voice which he has always used willingly and cheerfully in the Master's service. This may be reckoned not the least among the qualities and gifts that may be expected to make him an efficient laborer in his chosen sphere.

Plan of Missionary Committee.

UNDER the Missionary Vice-President of the League, a missionary committee should be formed consisting of a convener, a secretary-treasurer, one additional member for every ten members in the League to act as canvassers, and a missionary literature member. The convener of the Missionary Committee should call the committee together, at least once a month, to plan for a regular missionary meeting (monthly, if possible) and receive reports from every member of the committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Department of the League should make and keep a copy of the roll of membership of the League, and keep carefully written minutes of committee and regular missionary meetings.

He should also receive and keep account of all the money paid into the Missionary Department of the League, which should be paid over monthly to the Treasurer of the League, who will hand it to the pastor to be forwarded through the chairman of the district to the Mission Rooms. The Secretary-Treasurer should also prepare a written report of the work of the Missionary Department for the business meeting of the League.

The whole membership of the society should be divided among the members of the Missionary Committee who act as canvassers. This should be done after prayer, asking God's help that the names may be wisely assigned. It has been found best to call the roll and allow the committee members to volunteer to take names to canvass as the Secretary reads them.

Each Canvassing Committee member should make a carefully written list of the names he has chosen, memorise them, and pray for them daily, and should personally present to each the pledge-form, explaining kindly and prayerfully the "pray, study, give" plan for a Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, realizing that it is being done for the Master who said, "Go, ye," and for our Christless brethren who cry, "Come over and help us."

The Missionary Literature member should solicit subscriptions for missionary and connexional periodicals, and in every way possible supply the League with missionary information and literature.

As helps, we would recommend a little book called, "Pray, Study, Give," price 15c., explaining the "pray, study, give" plan (or the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions as advocated by the Students' Missionary Campaign). Also, Pledge Book, 5c.; Collector's Book, 5c.; envelopes, 10c. per hundred, 80c. per thousand; the "Cycle of Prayer," 3c. each, or 30c. per dozen; and the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK, single copy, 40c., in clubs of eight, 25c.