

zeal, and love for the souls of men, must take the place of leaden insensibility, before the shout of victory is heard—"the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ."

Every one knows that lead is heavy, but it is dead-weight in a missionary collection. We have listened to denunciations of copper, as having done much evil, with which we cannot sympathise, inasmuch as it may be the widow's mite, or the child's first property dedication to the Lord. The smile of Jesus rests on the smallest gift coming from a generous heart. There is too, from combination, a "power of littles" which has wrought great issues in the funds of all our missionary and benevolent associations. God bless the child's penny!

"A penny is a little thing,
Which e'en the poor man's child may fling
Into the treasury of heaven,
And make it worth as much as seven.
As seven I say, worth its weight in gold,
And that increased a million fold.
For lo! a penny tract, if well
Applied, may save a soul from hell.
That soul can scarce be saved alone:
It must, it will, its bliss make known.
'Come,' it will cry, 'and you shall see
What great things God has done for me.'
Hundreds that joyful sound may hear—
Hear with their heart as well as ear;
And these to thousands more proclaim
Salvation in the 'Only Name.'"

Thus hath the poet sung,—we ask whence cometh the inspiration that can cast a solitary genial ray around a leaden contribution? We fear that it must remain "unhonoured and unsung." The wheels of the missionary enterprise, are however to an amazing extent encumbered by dead-weights. Individuals destitute of godliness, but remaining members of churches will operate as dead-weights on God's cause. Retarding the progress of the gospel by their leaden dulness and cold formality, their influence sinks every hopeful movement. You might as well expect to move under a mountain of lead, as look for the ethereal and god-like spirit that gives birth to missions and vigorously sustains them, in the cold regions of a slumbering church. Nothing save a leaden lustre shines in their works. Never can they shine as the stars in the firmament, from having turned many to righteousness.

Kind readers, we have done, and should our words implant a higher principle and diffuse or strengthen a generous sentiment in connection with giving for the Lord's work, our labour as suggested by that bullet will not be in vain.

CHURCH HAPPINESS.

The Psalmist says, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." This is expressive of the feeling cherished by persons who unite with a church of Christ. Various relationships yield the happiness they are intended to bring. There is home-happiness, and why not in our religious home reach a full degree blessedness? God intends that church re-