

when the disciples of Christ are thus led to think, plan, speak, and act for him, much that is now criminally withheld will be given, and God will then see fit to commit more to his church. Consecration to God is a never-failing source of liberality.

2. *The personal enjoyment of religion.* Paul says their liberality proceeded from the abundance of their joy. Why does a man set such a high value upon money? Because it is to him a substitute for, or representative of, a certain portion of enjoyment. While a man remains a stranger to the joy of his Lord, he will seek it in his idol. But the religion of the Bible fills us with *all* joy and peace in believing. We are not, therefore, thrown on the gratifications of sense. We have meat to eat of which the world knows nothing. Does any man wish to be liberal? Let him drink deep of the waters of life. Are we desirous of seeing the spirit of liberality greatly improved in the Christian church? Then we must induce men, dear Brother, to be joyful in the Lord. It is melancholy to witness the spiritual destitution of many places in this Colony; and yet, through lack of funds, we are unable to supply them with the means of grace. And while they cry, "Come over and help us," shall we, in all the apathy of a soul chilled by the frost of selfishness, answer, "Help yourselves, or perish?" Soon the opportunity of making friends to ourselves of the unrighteous mammon, will pass away; and should it pass away unimproved, is there not too much reason to fear we shall become the victims of personal, eternal reproach, and also be exposed to the bitter upbraidings of those from whom we withheld the means of salvation, through a criminal love of money, or of this world. Your's,

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THE MAGAZINE.

Ours was an experiment, to see whether the Christians of this Colony, and especially those of the Baptist denomination, would support a monthly Periodical, intended to inculcate Scriptural truth, and diffuse useful information on all topics connected with the cultivation of the mind, and the spread of the Gospel. It was an experiment, however, which we earnestly desired might be successful; because we thought such a work was greatly needed, and that it might serve as a general medium of communication among the scattered members of our churches and congregations, form a repository for the thoughts and suggestions of our correspondents, afford an opportunity for the amicable discussion of various important topics, furnish a register of religious intelligence, aid the cause of Missions, by augmenting the funds of the recently-formed Society, and thus contribute to the welfare and improvement of the community.

We have now made a trial of ten months; and though we are not under the painful necessity of recording a failure, our friends must permit us to say that further exertions are needed to establish the work upon a permanent foundation, and enable us to realize one of the objects we had in view in its commencement. We have now more than five hundred subscribers; but scarcely more than two hundred have yet handed in their subscriptions. We entreat the remainder to favour us with remittances as soon as may be convenient to them, as our payments are getting into arrears, and it is most desirable to make them speedily, to keep the work in brisk and healthy motion. On the other hand, several additional subscribers have been given to us. Two have recently engaged for twelve additional copies each; some for five, three, and one, according to their ability, or their likelihood of disposing of them. Ministers, and other friends who travel much, have it in their power materially to increase our circulation, by either taking additional copies themselves and disposing of them as they journey, or by prevailing upon others to send in their names.

We gratefully acknowledge that our design has met with as much success as, in time,