

THE LORD'S POCKET BOOK.

"Whose pocket-book is that you carry?" said a friend to a business man, as he drew a well-filled wallet from his pocket.

"Why, my own, of course. Whose else could it be?" was the prompt reply.

"To whom the pocket-book belongs depends on another question. If you belong to the Lord, I guess the purse is His also."

"Well," said the man thoughtfully, "I hope I do belong to the Lord; but your remark throws a new light on the subject. It never impressed me before, as it does just now, that I am to carry and use this pocket-book 'my pocket-book,' as my Lord directs. I must think this matter out, for I confess honestly I never have looked at it in the light in which you place it."

This pocket-book question in one which needs to be brought before men more frequently, more faithfully, and more fully than it has been heretofore. Is there not a work here for the pulpit and for the press, as well as for personal effort, which needs to be attended to at once. If Christian men and women can be induced to look to Christ for direction as to the use they shall make of their pocket-books every time they open them, the Church will soon be rescued from covetousness, and the world will feel the power of the gospel.

"OCCUPY TILL I COME,"

was the motto which the writer once saw in golden letters on the pocket-book of a well-known Christian merchant, whose name is in connection with Christ's work in other lands as well as our own.

We would suggest that such a pocket-book be called "The Christian Giver Pocket-book." When you open the book your eyes catch the words, "Honor the Lord with thy substance;" on the opposite side you read, "The silver and the gold is mine." As you open the inmost portion of the book your eyes catch the words of a loving disciple, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Here you find the mainspring of all real Christian effort. The outside motto "Occupy till I come," is only the outgrowth of this plant of love to Christ in the heart.

We shall close this by asking the question with which we started, "Whose pocket book is that which you carry?"—*The Christian Guide.*