

LIBERALITY TO THE CHURCH—TO THE
BIBLE CAUSE—TO THE MINISTER.

In one of the New York papers it is stated that a collection was taken up for the Bible-cause, (which means, we presume, the circulation of the Holy Scriptures through the agency of the United States Bible Society,) amounting to *three thousand and eighty-three dollars*, on the first Sabbath in November, in the Presbyterian Church, on the Fifth Avenue, after a discourse by the Rev. Dr. Alexander, the pastor. The congregation, we believe, is not a very large one. A year has scarcely elapsed since the building in which they now worship was finished and dedicated to the worship of God. Its cost exceeded \$100,000, and the sale of pews realized nearly the entire sum. Such an expenditure for the erection of a sacred edifice is evidence of the wealth and liberality of those who propose to assemble in it that they may seek after "the true riches." This munificent collection for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures is in good keeping with the munificent expenditure for the erection of a temple, where the divine lesson is taught: "*Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*" This liberal people not long ago sent their pastor, at their expense, to Europe to recruit his health, where he remained about a year; and besides the affection which they bear to him, manifested by tokens not to be estimated at a money value, they pay him a stipend of \$4000 per annum. This sum, it is understood, is no more than sufficient to support a minister in his right position in a city like New York.

Our churches in Canada, both in the cities and larger towns, might do well to consider whether such an example be not worthy of imitation, not that we, in our poorer condition, can come up to this style of munificence, but, as an apostle speaks in an analogous instance, it may be imitated by an (*proportionate*) EQUALITY. Unhappily the idea seems to prevail among us that a minister has no claims whatever, or at least that all his claims are fully discharged when his stipulated salary is paid, no matter how inadequate it be to meet his reasonable and necessary expenditure. The Editor invites a calm, faithful, judicious, discussion of the principles that should guide a Christian people in the remuneration they give to ministers, and the results that must follow the practical neglect or observance of these principles. Those principles have already been discussed in the Presbyterian by one of our esteemed correspondents; but varied illustrations and repeated enforcement are required and may be attended with advantage. We respectfully invite the correspondent in Canada West, whose note has drawn our attention to this subject, to favour the readers of the Presbyterian with his own views.

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