

fessor of religion. But a tenth is not all that is required. There was formerly a tenth, and the extras in addition. These extras must be continued and they must be increased. The necessities are increased and so must be the supplies. Religion has now, as it had at that time, to be maintained, but it has also to be spread. The gospel has to be preached unto all nations. Then how much is required of each one? Every person is commanded to contribute according as God prospers him. None can sink below a tenth of his income, but many ought to rise far above it. Each one should consider his income and his necessary outlay and increase his contributions accordingly. Some would thus find a fifth required of them, some a third, some a half of their income, and some even beyond that amount. That the people of God have in general been far from thus acting we freely admit. The result of the neglect is fully apparent in the church. Think of the little that has yet been done for spreading the gospel. The support of the gospel ministry has in many cases passed into a proverb. It might well be so with many in our own congregations. Probably Mr. Spurgeon would not find any of our ministers with a salary so small as that of the poor Welshman. But he might find many whose contributions are such, that if their fellow hearers, according to their circumstances, contributed equally little, he would have to content himself with less than 13s. per week. Can such persons expect that the ordinances of religion will be blessed unto them? Or can the church expect to be blessed so long as God is robbed? If a blessing is looked for, the reply to be expected, is "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

III. The time and manner of contributing. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store." We are not to wait until a call is made upon our christian liberality, and then consider what can we give unto that object out of what is our own. We are to have by us a depository sacred unto the Lord. Into this we are to put the Lord's tenth and what more we owe unto him, according as he is prospering us and enabling us. All put into this must be viewed as sacred unto the Lord. It is to be put in at stated times. We are thus to lay by us in store once every week. It is to be done on the first day of the week. It is to be a Sabbath day act. When called upon to contribute to any particular object, we are, as the stewards of God in the disbursement of what we have laid by us, on the first day of the week, to consider what ought to be given, how much are we warranted to take out of the sacred store for such an object. The preacher brought forward and answered the several objections that might be advanced. He then closed with a few forcible remarks impressing the subject upon his hearers.

The usual forms being attended to: the questions of the formula were put, and satisfactorily answered, Mr Byers was by prayer inducted over the congregation. He was then feelingly addressed by the Rev. W. McCulloch, of Truro, the substance of whose address is subjoined.

Dear Brother: The work to which you have this day been set apart in this place far transcends all description. When you can measure the height of heaven above, fathom the fathomless depths beneath, and scan the whole universe around, you may attempt to comprehend the greatness of the work before you. It is vast as are the plans of the Almighty. Your work may be viewed as respects those over whom you are placed, and the people among whom you labour. You are to seek their salvation. "Save them that hear you." It may also be viewed as respects God. You are, in all you do and in all you say, in your public appearances here, and in your private intercourse with the people of your charge to seek the glory of God. You are to work out that petition, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In accomplishing the one of these results, you will accomplish the other. "Be instant in season and out of season." "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Be diligent in preaching the gospel. Be faithful in preaching the whole gospel. Be faithful in reproving sin and sinners. Being the first minister of this new congregation much will depend upon you. See you give an impulse to the work of the Lord. Doing so,