

imposed by Christ upon us all, to aid in the sustenance of His appointed ministers.

Behind all action in this matter, is the great principle which should regulate the consciences of Christian men in appropriating their means to religious objects. What is the amount of claim of God upon your incomes? I have no hesitation in naming you again, as I have done heretofore, that the Christian tenet—the tenet of your incomes—is the measure in which, in the national law of the Jews, it was the law under which our Saviour lived. It was the voluntary principle of the early Christians. It has prevailed in some form among many Christian nations from the beginning. Let each man be willing to do it. Let each one consider himself bound to act up to the future. Let each one regard his past deficiency in this respect as a debt still due from him to the cause of God, and let him commence its payment; and at once, the parishes, the clergy, and the institutions of the Church will feel God's blessing emerge from poverty, distress, and want, to comfort, efficiency and usefulness.

INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE.

From the Albany Journal.

The transfer of the Rev. Dr. Potter from his place of Rector of St. Peter's Church to that of Bishop of the Diocese, has been made the appropriate occasion of an expression of the high respect and friendship in which he is held by his Ministerial brethren, and by his fellow-citizens generally of other denominations in this city, where he has so long abided in his calling, by a life of devotedness and usefulness. He will be followed to his new sphere by the sympathies and prayers of all who have learned to appreciate his many virtues as pastoral father.

To the Right Rev. Horatio Potter, D.D., Provisional Bishop:

DEAR SIR.—A number of your fellow-citizens not in connexion with your own Church, take leave to express their congratulations on your removal to a sphere more extensive and more important than any which you have ever filled. As the annual time for electing the Rector of St. Peter's of an individual who, through a long period of his life spent here, has been distinguished in every charitable undertaking, and has proved himself a good friend to education and the best interests of the community. Your social qualities were appreciated where they have been longest known.

We remain, Right Rev. and Dear Sir, with highest respect,
Yours truly,
W. B. Sprague, E. P. Prentiss,
J. N. Campbell, Peter G. Peck,
R. W. Welch, F. H. E. Jones,
H. N. Myrick, Henry S. Polham, D. Kennedy, T. Romney Beck, Thomas V. O'Leary, Rufus H. King, John H. Jones, John H. Schofield, Andrew White, G. V. Lansing, Robert H. Pruyn, William Ray, John Knowlton, Wm. Parmelee, Ira Harris, Lewis Hoadley, H. H. Van Hook, John Q. Wilson, Joel Rathbone, John P. Hathorne.

Albany, Nov. 30th, 1854.

St. Peter's, Albany, Dec. 1, 1854.

DEAR BROTHERS AND FRIENDS.—The communication you have and the great kindness to send to me is as unexpected as it is grateful to my feelings. Already very cordial expressions from many of your number and from others of our fellow-citizens had given me a cheering assurance that I had the respect and good will of the community in which I have lived and labored; but I was not prepared for such an emphatic and special testimony of your esteem and regard. It is indeed a great consolation to me, and most heartily do I thank you for it. The remembrance of it will remain to me in many a weary day, and it will remain to my children as a touching and persuasive proof that outsiders to do good, however imperfect, are not apt to fail of such reward as comes from the approbation and sympathy of good men.

When I opened your note, signed by ministers of various religious bodies among us, loved and honored wherever they are, I felt that I was receiving very many of whom are eminent alike for their ability and for their services, it was indeed very grateful to me to recognize the names of so many valued personal friends, and to reflect that amid the changes and chances of nearly twenty years our friendships had been cemented and strengthened, and that I had no misunderstanding had ever arisen for a moment to trouble our pleasant intercourse. What, Gentlemen, remains for us but to try to serve and glorify our Divine Lord by doing some little good to our fellow-men, that when our brief day shall be ended, we may be admitted into a higher state of being, than with saints and angels to glory and enjoy Him for ever. That this great blessedness may be reserved for you and for me is the fervent prayer of Gentlemen,
Your obedient and affectionate friend,
Horatio Potter.

To the Rev. Dr. Sprague, Peter G. Peck, W. B. Welch, H. N. Myrick, Henry S. Polham, D. Kennedy, T. Romney Beck, Thomas V. O'Leary, Rufus H. King, John H. Jones, John H. Schofield, Andrew White, G. V. Lansing, Robert H. Pruyn, William Ray, John Knowlton, Wm. Parmelee, Ira Harris, Lewis Hoadley, H. H. Van Hook, John Q. Wilson, Joel Rathbone, John P. Hathorne.

Correspondence with the Wardens and Vestry.

The following correspondence between the Rector of St. Peter's and his wardens and vestry tells its own tale:

To the Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's Church, Albany:

MY DEAR BROTHERS AND FRIENDS.—I am about to perform my duty as Rector of St. Peter's Church, and I have thought with me that here I might hope to continue to exercise my quiet, peaceful, unobtrusive ministry in the midst of beloved friends, until the end should come; and that here, soothed by the presence and kindness of many affectionate hearts, I should at last be permitted to rest. But as I have been called to the office of Chief Pastor over this by far the largest Diocese of our country.

I will only say that everything that has happened since I have been called to this office, without any act on my part, other than that of passive submission to the will of God.

In assuming the pastoral charge of the Diocese; in place of that of a single Parish, it is a consolation to me to reflect that in all the flock among whom I have lived and labored for nearly twenty-two years, there is not a single family—not an individual—between whom and myself there are any other than the most friendly feelings and relations. I am never, probably, to have another Parish. This I shall ever look upon as mine, in a personal and enduring sense; and I shall ever be ready to do anything as a man returning to his home and to his nearest and dearest relatives. I pray God to send you a faithful Pastor, and to give you hearts ever to be as kind and indulgent and dutiful toward him, as you have always been toward me.

I hereby resign the office of Rector of St. Peter's, and I take effect after my consecration, and the Parishes take effect after the induction into office of my successor. With every feeling of affectionate regard for you and for all the members of this beloved parish, and with fervent prayers for your and their temporal and eternal welfare, I remain most truly and affectionately,
Your friend and pastor,
Horatio Potter.

St. Peter's, Albany, Nov. 11, 1854.

REV. AND VERY DEAR SIR.—We, the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church, have received

your resignation of the office of Rector of St. Peter's Church, and we are glad to hear that you will be permitted to return to your home and to your nearest and dearest relatives. We are glad to hear that you will be permitted to return to your home and to your nearest and dearest relatives. We are glad to hear that you will be permitted to return to your home and to your nearest and dearest relatives.

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