

have had enough to eat, and have left plenty; for the Lord hath blessed his people, and that which is left is this great store."

"Now read Nehemiah xiii. 10th, 13th, and 14th verses. Mark the contrast! The people no longer gave tithes;—the house of the Lord was desecrated, and the Levites had forsaken their sacred office, and '*fled*, every one to *his own field*!' And now," said the preacher, "we will turn to the new dispensation. Open at the 23d of Matthew and read the 23d verse: 'These *ought* ye to have done, and *not* to leave the other undone,' are our blessed Saviour's words to the Scribes and Pharisees. Ye do well to pay *tithes*,—it is your duty,—but ye ought also to do judgment, mercy, and faith. Now turn to Luke xi. 42, 'Woe unto you Pharisees, for ye tithe . . . all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: *these ought ye to have done*, and not to leave the other undone.' Read Luke iii. 7-12 'Bring forth fruits *worthy of repentance*,'" repeated the preacher. "John the Baptist was a connecting link between the Jewish and the Gospel dispensations, and he spake as he was moved by the Spirit of God,— 'Now also is the axe laid at the *root* of the tree.' What tree? It was nothing less than the tree—the *root*—of *self* and *selfishness*! What this good fruit is, he tells us in the 11th verse: 'He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat (food), let him do likewise.' Where now remains the *tenth*?' he exclaimed. "Under the new dispensation, not one-tenth merely, but one-HALF is required!" (At this announcement there was an evident sensation in the audience; many a face lighted up with a smile, as the electric current shot through the assembly.)

The preacher continued: "Read now the 6th of Luke, 38th verse: 'Give and it shall be given unto you'—the wherewithal to give! Shut your hand and your heart, and you shut the windows of heaven; you keep back the blessing of God. See what Christ says in Luke xii. 33: 'Sell that ye have and give alms,' &c., which means—consider yourselves as *stewards* of God's grace on the earth; seeking your inheritance in the world to come. You are to set light store by your earthly possessions, and lay up treasure in heaven. Now read Luke xiv. 33." Slowly and solemnly the preacher repeated the words of the Master,— "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that *forsaketh not ALL* that he hath, he *CANNOT* be my disciple!" Ah! my brethren," he said, it is not merely a *tenth*, or even a *half* of our worldly possessions that Christ claims, *it is our ALL*! Think upon the *meaning* of those words. It is thus He speaks to you: If you wish to be my disciple, you *must count the cost*! You cannot serve *two* masters. You must give up everything that the children of this world seek after. You must hold yourselves *aloof* from your earthly possessions (the Armenian version of the text quoted from Luke xiv. 33), holding to them *loosely*, setting your affections on things above. Your comfort, pleasure, honour, ease, yea, your *very life*, you must esteem as *nothing* in comparison with my service! And in thus losing *all* you will find *ALL*, and that for ever.

"Open your Bibles to the glorious promise cause. See," exclaimed, "a hundred-fold in this life." xix., read from the Gospel of Zaccheus: 'The half of my goods I will give to the poor, and I will follow thee.' Why then this blessing of the congregation rejoined the preacher, repentance, and im-

"Now let me tell you, teacher was very anxious to should work upon the duty, as leaders, to times told us of plain and little real goodness taught to give for '40,000 piastres within thirteen years! To-day, in consequence study was finished to go to that field, aries told me that (sixty dollars) per

"Soon after I went to the village, and we had difficulty subscribing. Aries had said that we cannot raise another—they were too poor. I asked, 'We want

"That night I said, 'Suppose the Armenians and other feeble-minded prayed: 'O Thou God of plans, show thy power in this land!—soul—'It can be done, it over, it occurred of my 1500 per cent. give as much as I can take it out of me. 'One tenth of my income' I said, 'and I will visit you about once can be done,' he