

than fifty thousand. By the grace of God, I will give one-fourth of the net profits of my business to charitable and religious uses. If I am ever worth twenty thousand dollars, I will give one-half of my net profits; and if I am ever worth thirty thousand dollars I will give three-fourths; and the whole after fifty thousand dollars."

Mr. Cobb adhered to this covenant till he had acquired fifty thousand dollars, after which he gave all his profits. On his death-bed he said to a friend, "By the grace of God, I have been enabled under the influence of these resolutions to give away more than forty thousand dollars. How good the Lord has been to me!"

The closing hours of such a life have more real happiness in them than all the gold of this world could purchase.

Many of the great and good of the past, such as Dr. Hammond, Baxter and Doddridge, each gave one-tenth; Watts gave a fifth; Mrs. Rowe, one-half.

What would you say to those who say, "I am poor; hence I cannot afford to give"?

The Gospel comes to the poor; its duties, privileges, advantages and blessings are all for the poor. In Mark x. 41-44, we have the account of the poor widow who cast in her two mites. The loving, compassionate Saviour, the friend of the poor, instead of reproving, commends her for so doing; thus forever establishing it as a privilege of the poor to cast into the treasury of the Lord. No one is asked to give what he has not, but a just proportion of what he receives. The amount may be small, and he may fail to elicit the