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We publish with much satisfaction an article sent for the *Canadian Independent*, by the Rev. J. Ross, a gentleman whose labours on the great question of "Christian Liberty" have abounded to the increase of that grace, and whose praise is in all the churches. The Congregational Union at its meeting in Brantford, in June last, recorded its sense of his valued labours.

STORING FOR GOD AND GIVING TO GOD.

The process of storing God's portion is of divine origin—"Lay by in store" (1 Cor. xvi. 2). Can any one deny this the force and value of a divine suggestion? But love lifts a suggestion to a prized law of action. If any deny the perpetuated authority on them of injunctions given to Galatian and Corinthian christians, what have they remaining at all, either of privilege or obligation? seeing that there is no epistle inscribed to any churches now existing. The Scripture method of storing for God appears to be necessary for the doing of God's work. Many christians have adopted the practice of small weekly offerings at the sanctuary, as a way of maintaining the cause of God. in addition to plans before used; meanwhile not storing God's portion, the true Scriptural method. Weekly offering is good along with storing, as a convenient way of applying a suitable part of the sacred store to its first claim—divine worship; but without the "storing," the offering will almost certainly prove fitful and insufficient. The whole question rests upon the admission or rejection of God's claim on a part of every one's possessions; and on the employment of a divinely discovered way of securing that this claim shall be met certainly and first—by instantly laying apart that portion, that it may without fail be devoted judiciously to sacred and benevolent purposes. The practice of weekly offering in churches may introduce the thin end of the wedge of storing personally. It is, however, human and unsatisfactory, apart from storing God's portion.

Storing for God is a divine method, with a view to giving easily, pleasantly and liberally, according to means, whenever needy objects arise. *The storing* is *private* with God alone, in view of his goodness, and of sacred obligation providing for coming demands. *The giving* is *public* in the sight of men; meeting demands according to provision already made for them. "Storing" is a wholesale process of laying in a stock, for the retail process of responding promptly to the wants advanced. "Storing" is accumulating a fund for wise application against times of need—sinking a well for the constant retention of a home supply, instantly available for required use—replenishing a reservoir for a regular system of distribution, and for possible contingencies.