

duties, there must be method. The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul gives plain directions here, I. Cor. xvi. 2,—"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there may be no gatherings when I come." This is God's own principle, laid down in His own Word for our guidance. The humiliating expedients, resorted to in our day, in order to raise money, are not recognized by Him; nor the spasmodic, fitful giving which results from caprice or accident. All that we have, be it much or little, comes from Him. It will belong to others when we leave it, but whether we accept the fact or not, we must one day render an account of the use we make of it, while in our possession.

A *time* is mentioned. Upon the first day of the week, in retirement, without excitement or ostentation, decide what ought to be given; a frequent storing of little sums will keep the heart warm and the springs of benevolence open; the mites as they are laid aside with prayer or an upward wish for God's blessing will be looked upon as a sacred trust and will indeed prove a means of grace. How much ought we to give, is a perplexing question; but there is a *measure* as well as a *method*. "Every one of you lay by him in store, according as God hath prospered him." No cast iron rule is laid down, but no one is exempt; it is to be done in the spirit which does not grudgingly ask—how little is necessary? but, how much it is possible for one to give? Give what you can, but even if small fix the amount. You will be surprised at the end of a year, how the "littles" count. Put away something for God's cause of every portion of your own money as it comes into your hands and give it regularly. If God is pleased to prosper you more, so give more. Have a place to keep it, a box, or a purse, set the Lord's name upon it, that it may be sacredly reserved for His use alone. Many Christians lose in a great measure the privilege and blessing of contributing to God's work and the necessities of the poor for want of regular habits of giving. They are not covetous, they do not love the world, but they fail in their stewardship, because they give from feeling or from circumstances, and before they are aware life is gone with all its opportunities of doing good. Could we realize the brief tenure of our earthly possessions and the thinness of that veil which separates these frail lives from the realities of eternity, we should seek to spend our time and our money for the Lord Jesus, who will at our last hour, when the world is receding from our view, enable us through His grace to say,—
"My home, my treasures are in heaven."

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LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

The following are extracts from a letter received by Mrs. Geo. G. Francis, Secretary of the All Saints' Church, Toronto Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and shew what good a little effort will accomplish for those needing missionary aid:—

FORT MACLEOD, Jan. 2nd, 1888.

DEAR MRS. F.,—I dare say you will be looking for news of the bags of mission goods your society so kindly sent for the Piegan Mission and missionary's family. They arrived at Lethbridge a few days before Christmas. We were busy a great part of Friday arranging the disposal of the presents, tying the candies in bags and writing out tickets for each man, woman and child who was to receive a present. On Saturday morning our school house was crowded to overflowing. We had first a service, with a baptism and several Christmas hymns. The little boy who was baptized was three years old, and he looked so quaint in blanket coat and leggins, braided hair, ear rings and necklace. After service we spread the presents on the long school table, and I can not describe to you the pleasure and satisfaction with which the garments were received, and strange to say every one was quite satisfied. The shirts, comforters, mitts and coats for the boys were so very acceptable, and the girls' hoods were I think more highly appreciated than anything else. We had scarcely enough of them for all the girls and babies. The dresses were so good and so nicely made, and you sent such a nice supply that I have put away some of the thin ones to give the girls at Easter. We have a much larger number of boys than girls at school and should our friends send clothing another year we would ask for more boys clothing than girls. Some of the camps are at a distance of two miles from the Mission, and during winter the girls can not always come so far; sometimes, though, they come two and three on one horse, looking as comfortable and merry as possible, and the horses, as a rule, stand patiently outside until school is over. Occasionally there is a stampede of horses and then there is great excitement in catching them, as the river lies between the Mission and some of the camps, and in summer the poor children would have to swim or wade back if their horses got away. The grab bag was the final excitement of the day, and the screams of delight with which the candy bags were opened and the toys in each discovered would have delighted you, for really there were no discordant sounds, such as shrieking, stamping or tramping, as we often have at a Sunday School treat amongst white children, and the pleasure was such a new one to our poor little savages that it almost overawed some of them.