

at raising money for this latter object ; and they are commended to your warmest sympathy and support. It has been well said "that the man who lives only for himself is engaged in a very small business." The same may in a measure be said of the man who lives only for his family and his own congregation. In order that one shall sympathize with efforts to extend the gospel, however, he must have learned to deny himself. People excuse themselves and say they cannot afford to give even twenty-five cents a month to the missionary society. Now, three dollars a year does not seem a very large sum to invest in the work of telling others of Christ. And yet people will be irritated in being frequently asked to give even smaller sums for religious objects, unless their heart is in it. They invert the order of things which God would have them observe. They view their own daily necessities or luxuries as having the first claim upon their earnings. Whereas God laid down the principle of old,—and the principle has nowise altered, although the way of working it out may have changed,—that his people were to begin, by laying aside God's portion, before they touched anything for themselves. I commend this principle to your earnest consideration, as one that you will find advantageous to act on, backed up as it is with a divine promise: "Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase ; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

The Lord's disciples during His sojourn with them gave one-tenth of all their earnings for the service of the Sanctuary. And in the same proportion the woman who now earns \$100. a year, would be looked to to give \$10 to the church,—and any one earning \$800, \$80, and so on. Brethren, look into this matter of denying yourselves, that you may be in the better a position for affording cheerful assistance to the work of God at home and abroad.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee ;

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee ;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Ever your faithful friend and pastor,

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

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