

may make their payments as punctually at the end of three or six months as weekly. Members endowed with less of this world's goods may follow such example and postpone that which should be paid at the commencement of each week till the close of a quarter or half-year, then perhaps, to find themselves unable to pay, or very much cramped in doing so. Every one can more easily pay his portion weekly than by allowing it to accumulate. Better far to do so and keep the system intact. It certainly is not a very worthy example to see the plate pass pew after pew of leading members without a cent being placed in the collection. It cannot fail of an undesirable influence on those who, though attending the services are not contributors to the weekly offering fund, and who would seem to be the most liberal towards the church's support; and a stranger might be pardoned in forming a very low estimate of the liberality of the membership. We would especially urge that each individual member should make it a point to place the amount of his weekly contribution on the collection plate each Sunday, and dispel a bad example: thus keeping the treasurer promptly paid as well as ensuring the continuance of a plan which has been so remarkably successful.

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REV. J. DENOVAN.

At a largely attended meeting of Alexander street church on Sunday evening, 3rd inst., a resolution was unanimously carried, extending a call to Rev. Mr. Denovan, who had supplied the pulpit for two Sabbaths. On the next day, the gentleman was waited on by a committee appointed by the church, and to them conveyed his acceptance of the call. It is expected that he will actually enter upon the pastorate on Sabbath, 24th inst. at latest,—possibly on the 17th inst. The members and newly elected pastor are very hopeful for the interests of the church. At the weekly prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening, Bro. Denovan, in a few aptly-chosen remarks on the mutual relations of pastor and people, frankly stated his intentions regarding the future.

The following is a verbatim report of his address, which was based on the Scripture read from the 12th chapter 1st Corinthians:

A number of the brethren of this church called on me on Monday last, to whom I conveyed my acceptance of the pastorate of this church. There was very little ceremony about the transaction; but there was, whether we felt it or not, tremendous solemnity about it. I became virtually by that act a member of this church,—nothing more than a member; nothing greater than a member of the body of Christ. I do not know what God may be pleased to call me in the body of Christ. Perhaps some of you may call me a fool, or some of you may dignify me with the name of a hand or eye. I am not the head of the body; I am only a member of the body of Christ; and each one of you who is a believer, belonging to this church, is as much a member of this body of Christ as I am or ever can be. I come among you, I hope, in the spirit of my Master. I come among you with a purpose,—a purpose confirmed by experience,—to live as close to Christ as I can, and to act in relation to you as the Head shall dictate. You can expect nothing less. But I come amongst you not to do your work. Mark what I say: I don't come to run the machine. I don't believe that the church of Christ is a machine at all; I don't believe that any body runs it but the Holy Ghost. I come distinctly, brethren and sisters, to work with you, and to do no more; to work with you,—not to work against you,—not to work instead of you. And I come on the express understanding that in the name of God and in the strength of the Spirit, and according to the 12th chap. 1st Corinthians, you will do your part of the work. It matters not what you may suppose yourself to be, you are a member of Christ; and the living Christ has not a worthless member. Then as far as you and I are concerned, we are not to regulate our own conduct: I should not expect my hand or my foot to convey to my head some morning scheme that it had chalked out for the day. I should simply expect that this brain will control the whole mechanism of this body throughout the day, and that these limbs would be ready to spring to action at the first note from the living head. Your relation and mine to Jesus Christ is just that: if we are the children of God, we are under the absolute control of the living Head; we have no choice; we have no personal opinion, in so far as it is in conflict with Jesus Christ; we have no method but His method; we have no scheme but the carrying on of His great work. If we act according to the dictates of Christ, we shall manifest in society, as a church, the living power of Christ; there is no doubt of that. Whenever the flesh or the devil tries to persuade you that there is no function for you to fulfil, no work for you to do, read the 12th chapter 1st Corinthians, and you have only to come to this conclusion: I am a member of Christ; it matters not what member; I have a work to do, and a place to fill that the pastor cannot fill for me. He has his work to do; let him do it. I have my work to do; in God's name I shall do it. My work may not be as dignified as his, but it is my work, and I shall do it with thankfulness, as quite as necessary. The feet, in their place, are quite as necessary as the hands; the hands, in their place, are quite as necessary as the hearing; and the living Christ is a living, acting aggregation. I want you to take away one thought:

"In so far as I am a member of the church of Christ, I am a part of His body. That is my name before God, whatever be my name among men. May the Lord bless you; may He lift upon you the light of His countenance; and be very gracious to you, for His name's sake.

MISS AMELIA KELLER.

A PRACTICAL, PLEASANT, AND PROFITABLE WAY IN WHICH THE CHURCHES CAN SHEW THEIR SYMPATHY.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Alexander street Baptist church in this city, wishing to aid Miss Keller in her studies in this country, preparatory to her taking up her life-work among the Telugu women, hit upon the idea of a Social Entertainment. It was held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26th, when the auditory of the church was filled with an interested company, representing the several city Baptist churches. Mr. C. A. Morse acted as chairman, and Mrs. McArthur as accompanist. After prayer by Rev. J. Denovan, the following programme was rendered:

Instrumental Duet, Mrs. Jas. Wright and Miss Evans; Quartette, "Tell me ye Winged Winds," Miss E. Dexter, Messrs. Wright and Douglas; Reading, selection from "The Tale of Two Cities," Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake; Song, "The Sexton," Mr. Wright; Solo, "One sweetly solemn thought," Mrs. Grainger; Trio, "The Navigator," Miss E. Dexter, Messrs. Wright and Douglas. Intermission, during which Mr. Timpany's Telugu curiosities were exhibited. Instrumental Duet, Misses Halliday and Stark; Address, Mr. Timpany; Solo, "There is a green hill far away," Miss E. Dexter; Duet, "See the pale moon," Mrs. Grainger and Miss Dexter. By special request Mrs. Grainger sang "The Home of the Soul" with very fine effect. Indeed, every piece on the programme was excellently given, and thoroughly appreciated.

The Chairman on introducing Rev. Mr. Timpany, referred to the two-fold object of his return—to recruit his health, and to prepare himself for practice as a physician among the Telugus.

Rev. A. V. TIMPANY was heartily applauded on stepping on the platform. He began by reading selections in Telugu from a published poem by a native author; and his translations of the passages bore out his assertion that the Telugus are capable of high mental culture. He referred to the difficulties in the way of mission work among them, owing to the influence of caste. Men who become