

CHURCH SITTINGS AND FINANCES.

I.

The seats are free, not sold or rented, but are allotted for family convenience and to preserve order. Sittings can be obtained by applying to the deacons.

II.

All the revenues of the Church are derived from the weekly voluntary offerings of the members of the Church and congregation.

III.

The scriptural principle that every one should give as the Lord has prospered him, we seek to inculcate and practise, believing it to be the best in every way; and we are confident that if this duty and privilege were generally adopted there would be no deficiency in the treasury of the Lord.

IV.

It being necessary that the officers of the Church should know the approximate amount of the annual income, and have some guarantee therefor in order that they may intelligently and safely prosecute their work, they request those occupying seats to state definitely the amount they desire to give per week throughout the year.

V.

To facilitate this system, blank forms are sent to all to be filled up, printed envelopes are furnished for the weekly contribution, a correct account of the receipts is kept, and when, through absence or otherwise, the amount pledged falls in arrear, a quarterly statement is furnished to the subscriber by the treasurer.

VI.

It may be stated for the information of new subscribers, that the amounts promised by nearly all those who are now on the list vary from two dollars to twenty-five cents per week.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."—I. Cor. xvi. 2.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."—II. Cor. ix. 6, 7.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts xx. 35.

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