

for him. Looking up from his books and papers, he said: 'Indeed, I cannot. I have all our own school children and poor to help, and I really cannot do anything for the lad.'

"However, as I turned crestfallen to the door, he called after me, "Willie if you like to go without your own dinner, and to give it to the boy, you may; and go and ask your mother to find some old things to clothe him in."

"Off I went, delighted, and gave the lad my dinner. And now, when I hear of large sums given in so called charity, I think of my father's words: "Willie, if you like to go without your own dinner, you may give it to the lad.

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The Wayside Cross.

A wayside cross at set of day
Unto my spirit thus did say:

"O soul, my branching arms you see
Point four ways to infinity.

"One points to infinite above
To show the height of Heavenly Love.

"Two point to infinite width, which shows
That Heavenly Love no limit knows.

"One points to infinite beneath,
To show God's Love is under death.

"The four arms join, an emblem sweet.
That in God's heart all loves will meet."

I thanked the Cross as I turned away
For such sweet thoughts in the twilight
grey.

FREDERICK GEORGE SCOTT.

IS IT REASONABLE?

If you want amusement, you must pay for it—50cts., \$1, or even \$1.50 a seat.

If you want medical services, you must pay for them—\$1, \$2, or even \$5 a visit.

If you want legal services, you must pay for them—\$1.50, \$3.00 or far larger sums each consultation.

Then when you want religious services, why, in the name of justice and common-sense, should some folks expect to get them for nothing—or next to nothing?

Ask this to yourself, honestly, fairly, and squarely:—How much last year did my amusement cost me—the club, theatre, sports, balls, dinner parties, even cards?

How much was I obliged to spend in medical advice and medicine for the safety of my body?

How much was I obliged to spend on legal help for the safety of my person and property?

How much did I spend on religion for the happiness, health, and safety of my soul?

How much every week or month do I give for the support of the ministry, the administration of the Sacraments, and the preaching of the Word?

Are your clergy overpaid? Ought they to get much less than the professional man in law, medicine, or commerce? Do they actually receive half as much? Are they less educated, less able, less worthy as citizens than the judge, the barrister, the physician, surgeon, or merchant? Have they fewer or more charitable calls? Have they to be less exact in paying their monthly bills? What are their prospects in old age? What provision can they make for their widows and children?

Is it fair that absentees from church (who at least expect the Church's services to be ready for them at call) should escape their rightful share of yearly Church expenditure?

Is it fair to leave the burden of responsibility on the shoulders of a few generous people, who actually have to pay for other people's religion?

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Notes by the Way.

Every properly instructed Christian knows that it is a bounden duty to attend the Church's worship on Sunday. This can never be omitted without sin, unless sickness or some equally good cause, hinders. No company, papers, books, pleasures, etc., must take the place of this highest duty to God. But our re-