

with the Committee as they shall have opportunity, and especially to assist them in gaining the ear, if possible, of all the congregations and families of the Church."

Following up the spirit of the above resolution we remark :—

I.—THE CHURCH NEEDS INSTRUCTION.

Not merely the question of ministerial support—in itself of vital importance to the Church—but the whole question of giving is one on which the pulpit must give no uncertain sound. Christian liberality is a theme on which professing Christians need line upon line, and precept upon precept. Our conviction is that the ministry—probably from false delicacy—overlook the importance which this subject holds in the Word of God to the great injury of the Church. Indeed, few ministers in the course of a long pastorate preach as much as Paul wrote on it. And in consequence of this lack of teaching, so many grow up in the Church with narrow, contracted, selfish views regarding the whole question to which the Assembly's resolution refers. Therefore, one of the most practical questions of the present day is—"The Lord's treasury and how to fill it." And if we follow Divine direction, and obey the law of the Lord's house, no monarch will have so overflowing an exchequer, and so large a surplus, as the King and Head of the Church. He is worthy to receive riches. And not only so, but the workman is worthy of his hire. "If we have ministered to you in spiritual things," says Paul, "is it a great matter that we should reap your carnal things?" The Church must revise her present methods and devise more liberal things, for by liberal things shall she stand.

2.—SOME CURIOUS INCIDENTS.

Some congregations and official managers of money are guilty of littlenesses and mean dealings that men of the world would scorn to be connected with. Some of our wealthy churches, when vacant, deliberately lay their account to make money, and, instead of paying anything like a fair proportion of the salary formerly given, pay their probationers the minimum allowed by the regulations of the Church. And the most marvelous thing of all is, they are not ashamed to do it. There is nothing more humiliating than the penuriousness of some wealthy people when called upon to contribute to the Church of Christ.