

them where in the exercise of a commendable frugality, they shall be above such worldly cares as mar their usefulness, and impair, if it do not paralise, their power for good. I wish to place them in the position for which Agar prayed,—“Give me neither poverty nor riches—feed me with food convenient for me.”

I desire, when I admit a candidate to Holy Orders, and appoint him to a settled parish or mission to be able to say: when you go to the house of poverty go with some bounty in your hand, and if you meet a brother, an old and tried friend, hail him with a frank welcome and an offer of hospitality. I desire that he may be able to walk the streets without the fear of meeting a needy creditor; to go to his reading desk and pulpit without a blush on his honest face; and to look around on his congregation and boldly preach “owe no man any thing.” When he goes to his study and there pours out his heart to God, I desire that he may be able to do so with a mind calm and unruffled by pecuniary vexations; and last of all, when his work is done, and like St. Paul he has fought the good fight, and kept the faith, let him repose on his dying bed without fear that the children he blesses, and leaves behind him, shall be cast out destitute on a cold and ungrateful world.

I am aware that owing to the severe pressure of the times, many generous hearts have, for the present, little, or nothing to give; but what is above all money or money's worth, they can give us their prayers flowing from warm and grateful hearts. For our encouragement some are giving to the utmost of their power and under great difficulties; and if you, my brethren, take the subject to God in prayer and look at it in the light of conscience, and with a view to eternity, your contributions will increase, and those who never have had the subject fully and seriously before them will see it in a new light and give abundantly. It is a use of riches to which perhaps they have never been accustomed, but of which they never will repent. Like the seed scattered, as it would seem, a useless sacrifice in the spring, it returns in the harvest an hundred fold. “Honour then the Lord with thy substance, and thy barns shall be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”

In order to give practical effect to these remarks, I suggest to the vestry of each Church, to request from the Minister at the annual meeting on Easter Monday, a report of the unpaid dues of the congregation on account of his stipend for the preceding year. A committee should then be appointed, and empowered to take immediate and effectual steps for the collection of the arrears, that at the adjourned meeting which, according to established rule, takes place a fortnight subsequently, the claim of the Minister may receive full satisfaction: other debts are always considered imperative, and the necessity for their liquidation readily admitted, but surely no debt is more sacred or binding upon the enlightened