

of the church do not manifest a very special concern for their salvation, they are in the greatest peril of being lulled into the sleep of death.

Now, we are taught that the servant who is faithful over few things, will be made ruler over many things. And a church that does its duty faithfully, prayerfully, earnestly, perseveringly, to a small congregation, may reckon on drawing a larger one. But if the members conclude that these persons, once drawn within the walls of the sanctuary, are sufficiently cared for, and that the minister must do the rest,—if they think that a few vague and general prayers for the salvation of sinners generally, for “a blessing on the word preached,” for “the building up of the church in numbers as well as in graces,” and such like, exhaust their duty and privilege of prayer, they will have no reason to wonder if they continue to have a small congregation. They do not exhibit a fitness to be intrusted with a larger one. The more souls that come under so equivocal an influence, the more are placed in danger of perdition. This is strong language, and we should hesitate to use it, except in a hypothetical case. Such a church being supposed, can less be said with truth? But the question is, Are there such churches? He who walks among the golden candlesticks can alone decide.

John Brown of Haddington said to a young minister, who complained of the smallness of his congregation, “It is as large a one as you will want to give account for in the day of judgment.” The admonition is appropriate, and not to ministers alone.—*Family Treasury*.

THE TWO GIVERS.

There was once a collection for Foreign Missions at the Church door, and all the people as they passed by dropped their contributions into the plate.

The richest man in the congregation put in a five pound note, and a poor little girl, who came in immediately after him, put in a penny.

Men were looking on, and, as the rich man's money was laid on the plate, they admired the liberality of the gift, but they took no notice of the poor little girl's penny. But Jesus and the holy angels were looking on too, and they were not like the elders that stood by; for they noticed the little girl and her penny, but took no notice of the rich man and his five pounds. And why?

That same morning the rich man said to himself, “What shall I give to this collection for Foreign Missions? I must give a five-pound note, for that is what will be expected of me, and I wish my subscription to be above all the others.”

That same morning the little girl had been reading her Bible, and had seen there the story of the love of Jesus, and she loved him in return. She thought within herself, “If Jesus did so much for me, oh! what can I do to show my love to Him? There is to be a collection for the Foreign Missions this day, and I have only a penny: but I will give my penny for Jesus' sake, and it may be He will accept it from me, for I love Him very much.”

The little girl took the penny and kneeling, prayed thus for a blessing.—“Oh, my God! here is a penny which I wish to give to thee. Oh, take it, Lord, although I am not worthy to give it, and bless it so as to make it do good to the poor heathen.”

The little girl when she put in her penny never thought about the men that stood by. She saw gold and silver on the plate, and as she felt how little was her offering, she felt also how good it was in God to permit her to give it, although it was small.

There was a meeting for prayer in the Sabbath School that same evening, and the heathen were not forgotten in the prayers. But the little girl especially was very earnest that God would send his gospel to the poor heathen. She followed her penny with her prayers.

The two givers had their reward. The rich man was seen of men and was greatly admired. His offering made the collection mount up higher than the offerings of many others, and the elders spoke about it. But that was all. He paid five pounds for the praise of men, and he obtained it.

The little girl also was rewarded for her penny. Her heart was enlarged; her