

who, with his coadjutors was sustained in the work of the Lord, exactly on the "Muller Plan," long before "George Muller" adopted it:—"But I rejoiced in the Lord, greatly that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again, wherein ye were also careful but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want, for I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content. Notwithstanding ye have done well that ye did communicate with my afflictions. But I have all and abound, having received the things which were sent from you an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice, acceptable, well-pleasing to God." Phil. iv. 10, 11-18. See the whole chapter. Read also Exodus, xxxv. 4, 5-21-27. Also, 1 Chron. xxix. There we learn that the erection of the Tabernacle and the Temple, were provided for exactly on the "Muller Plan." There was no compulsion, no personal applications. But Moses and David just told the people what the Lord had put it into their hearts to do for the honor of His great name; that gold and silver and other things to a very large amount would be needed, and must be contributed by the people; and then they left every man and woman to contribute freely as God should incline them to do. "And they came both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets and earrings, and rings and tablets, all jewels of gold." "Every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle."

We devoutly believe that we are engaged in a like work with theirs. Our aim, if our hearts are right, is, in this Mission, to aid in erecting the Spiritual Temple—even the Church of the Living God, of which the Tabernacle in the wilderness, and the Temple on Mount Zion, were types. Then let us with devout hearts read and unite in the prayers of David "the man of God," as recorded in 1 Chron., last chapter. "Then the people rejoiced for that they offered willingly; because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord. And David the King also rejoiced with great joy, and said, 'Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee and praise thy glorious name. But who am I and what are my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort! for all things come of thee and of thine own have we given thee. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name, cometh of thine hand and is all thine own.'" So spake the man after God's own heart. It was the outgushing of true religious emotion. O for the promptings of a like spirit! This divine lesson the Lord's people are only beginning to learn,—that they are indeed not their own, that all they are and have are the Lord's. But many are remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." May they increase and abound still more and more, and be ready to every good word and work.

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