

not in the path of duty? Is God pushing me out from this people? *I fear I must leave.* Leave the people whom I love; leave the Sabbath School and dear children that I love; leave the very fields and woods that I love. 'O my God! my soul is cast down within me.'

"Am I doing right thus to spend the best of my days and make no provision for the day of necessity? Will I be obeying the Bible, to labour on here for a mere subsistence, and in a few years, if I live, be thrown upon the charity of others? Ought the people for whom I labor, to support me? And ought not this support provide for future wants. Am I under obligation to serve the church? And is not the church under obligation to provide for me in health and in sickness; in vigor and in infirmity or age? *Is not obligation reciprocal?* If the church is unwilling to bind themselves to support me when superannuated, am I doing right to labor now for a salary which barely supports me?"

"I have made a fair experiment during the last seven years. I have guarded against extravagance, and conscientiously strived in various ways, to make *five hundred dollars* go as far as possible, without descending to meanness. It is true I might have dressed more meanly; kept my family meanly. I might have saved several dollars by robbing God, *i.e.* refusing to do anything for the cause of benevolence; or by keeping a meanly furnished house and table; by screwing in making bargains; by beating down my people in their prices: by speculating, or going into some business. But that will injure the cause; injure me, and injure my church. What then am I to do?"

"What merchant, lawyer, physician, mechanic, or farmer will consent to labor seven years for a bare living? I have nearly concluded that I am not doing right to labor thus."

UNUS E. PLURIBUS.

—*Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.*

RELIGION AND LOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

There is nothing on earth so beautiful as the household on which Christian love forever smiles, and where religion walks, a counsellor and a friend. No cloud can darken it, for its twin stars are centered in the soul. No storms can make it tremble, for it has a heavenly anchor. The home circle, surrounded by such influences, has an antepast of the joys of a heavenly home.

He is but half prepared for the journey of life, who takes not with him that friend who will forsake him in no emergency—who will divide his sorrows, increase his joys, lift the veil from his heart, and throw sunshine around his darkest scenes.

If you love others, they will love you. If you speak kindly to them, they will speak kindly. Love is repaid with love, and hatred with hatred. Would you hear a sweet and pleasant echo, speak sweetly and pleasantly yourself.—*Student and Schoolmate.*

WHAT HE RECEIVES.

What has he received in return for his labours, his tears, his anxieties, his mental toils, his life-long devotion of himself to the interests of the Church. He has received a salary less than that of a third-rate clerk in a merchant's counting-house, a competent overseer on a southern plantation, a clerk in a Mississippi steambot, or a bar-keeper at a fashionable hotel!—and all that is left to his account when he is called to his rest will hardly pay for a plain coffin for his worn-out body, and a simple stone to mark the spot where a faithful man of God sleeps till the resurrection morning! But who can estimate the worth of his life to the Church and to the world. What have the contributions been worth which he has made to the most enduring part of the literature of the world. What have the sympathies been worth which have been drawn from his heart's deep stores by hundreds of tried and endangered souls. What has it been worth to the mother, as in speechless anguish she bends over the beautiful corpse of her darling babe, to hear the accents of the man of God saying, in solemn tenderness, "It is well with the child." What is it worth to the convicted sinner, trembling in view of an angry God and an everlasting hell, to hear from his faithful pastor the words, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." What are the ten thousand varied and diversified labours of the ministry in behalf of every interest of this life and of that which