

Let the one who can afford but little not withhold—but consider that comparatively his mite is of as much value as a larger contribution. Every atom added increases the mass. Ten Cents may seem quite small, but ten Tens will make a Dollar. To meet the urgent demands of the present our Supplemented charges must contribute to the utmost within themselves. They must honestly try to help themselves before they can expect others to come to their aid.

They must meet obligations voluntarily undertaken, or give sufficient reasons why that cannot be done.

Negligence, indifference, inactivity in the past which have resulted in the accumulation of large arrears of Stipend is not an honorable—not even a plausible excuse. If they will not do their part faithfully, it is impossible under existing circumstances to keep them up any longer.

Our self-sustaining congregations must have a higher, wider, and more noble aim than the selfish one of giving merely the least they can towards the support of Gospel Ordinances within themselves, heedless of what may befall those requiring help.

The dissolution of the weak is the death-knell of the strong. The relationship is such, that one member cannot suffer without the rest of the body being injured.

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THE season of the year has now arrived when the farmer revels in fat beef and prize vegetables. His barns and cellars are full. He has gathered in the fruit of his labours. His heart rejoices in plenty. However where there is light there is shadow. His little bills must be paid. County rates, poor rates, and school bills and a host of other accounts come in, and

must be paid. It is an excellent custom to pay them at once. Debt is a millstone about one's neck. Better to live on two meals a day than be in debt—even if you should eat four meals—at the expense of other people. Debt leads to borrowing and borrowing to lying and we all know where liars have their portion. Some people are thriftless and lazy and have so little pluck that they are content to borrow and borrow again to the end of their useless lives; and the only debt they can be made to pay is the debt of nature. There is a class of people who, as they come into the world naked and hungry would continue in that condition after they grow up unless other people fed and clothed them all the days of their life. It is astonishing however to see so many well to do persons who have a mean habit of not paying till the last moment. A man who would spend hundreds in an action at law against you for calling him a thief will yet defraud you out of your due month after month to save a few shillings. This arises largely from lack of real culture,—of real self-respect.

The habit of borrowing is easily acquired. It was stated last year in the House of Commons, Ottawa, that seventy per cent of the farms in the Dominion were mortgaged. This shows how much the habit of running into debt prevails. The remedy is to do without luxuries till we can honestly pay for them. It is astonishing how many things people can do without when they try.

St. Andrews Church, Pictou 6th Oct. 1880, which time and place, the annual meeting of the Supplementing Fund Committee met and was constituted. Soderent, Revs. Chas. Dunn, Wm. Stewart, J. W. Fraser, A. J. McKelhan, R. McCann, Geo. Murray and Wm. Mc-