

I had received any part of the amount named on them. This I shall avoid in future, as it leads to errors which may be serious.

As far as my observations go, I feel persuaded that the Associations cannot be working as formerly, but have allowed themselves to fall into careless and indifferent ways; for I know they have a willing people to work amongst, who, if regularly called upon, would not refuse to give of the gifts bestowed upon them. Of this we have had decided proof.

I must not trespass too far upon your space; but I would wish, through your Record, to impress upon the Local Treasurers the urgent necessity of sending forward as soon as possible such amounts as they may have in their possession; and to remind them that if they have allowed the Associations to fall off, they should take immediate steps to reorganize them, and by a good example to encourage them to such vigorous operation as will lead to better things for the future, and eventually place the College Fund in such a position as must be ardently desired by all who have their Master's work at heart. The sum is still far short of what was originally aimed at; and there is no hope of attaining the desired end except by steady perseverance, by systematic organization among the different Associations, and a faithful reliance on Him whose cause it is, and who will sustain those who are heartily engaged in his service. If the Local Treasurers would, when sending the proceeds of their various stations, endeavour to have them placed in charge of the proper party here, and therewith send some document explanatory of the transaction, much inconvenience and, I may say, loss, would thereby be avoided. As these matters are now conducted in several quarters, it would seem to indicate a very great indifference as to whether the property reaches its destination or not. I enclose one of Mr. P. Drummond's tracts, which seems to me very applicable. It might be useful to have it transferred to the columns of the Record. Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

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THE "CHRISTIAN" MONEY-HOARDER.

"I hid thy talent in the earth,"—Matt. xxv. 25.

We read of a Syrian king sending a vaunting message to one of the kings of Israel—"thy silver and thy gold are mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine;" and the reply of the cowardly and hypocritical Ahab was, "My lord, O King, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have." But when the king of Syria sent to bring away a portion of what was thus in words declared to be his, the monarch of Israel showed that he had no idea of its being more than an empty

acknowledgment of inferiority, and dared the consequences of a war with Syria, rather than lose any part of his property.—How like the professing Christians of this generation! They read in the Word of God that their silver and their gold is the Lord's, Hag. ii. 8; and they answer, "True, O king." They hear their obligation to use it for the advancement of his cause pressed upon them in the sanctuary, and their consciences assent to the claim. They sit down at a Communion Table, and there virtually say, "We are not our own, but bought with a price; we are the Lord's, and all that we have." But where is the evidence of their sincerity? Who is spending, and being spent for God?

"With their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness," Ezek. xxxiii. 31.

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth," 1 John iii. 18.

1. Christian professor, is your admission that all you have is the Lord's like Ahab's, unsupported by what you give to his claim? 1 Kings xx. 2-9.

2. Are you not sometimes glad, when you can offer to the Lord that which costs you nothing? unlike David, 2 Sam. xxiv. 24:

3. Do you ever *grudge* comforts to yourself, when the Lord's cause wants means? 2 Sam. vii. 2.

4. Or can you enjoy your comforts without a thought what might be given up to Zion? Hag. i. 4.

5. Do you believe that the Lord is able to repay what you sacrifice at his call? 2 Chron. xxv. 6.

6. When you meet with a worldly loss, do you ever reflect the Lord may be showing you your sin in your punishment? Hag. i. 6. 9-11.

7. Have you ever *proved* the Lord whether you might not become richer by giving than withholding? Mal. iii. 10; Prov. iii. 9, 10; xi. 24.

8. Do you give your *best* to the Lord, or what you can best spare? Mal. i. 7, 8, 13, 14.

9. Do you think most about what you can *get* for your dying body, or what you can give for the kingdom of Christ? Matt. vi. 31-33.

10. Does Christ *know* that you so love him, as that you would follow him, were he to require you to sell all that you have? Mar. x. 21.

11. Did you ever *once* give all that you had in possession, and trust the Lord for the morrow? Mar. xii. 44.

12. How many evidences of discipleship will you have on the judgment-day, in what you have given to Christ? Matt. xxv. 35, 36.

13. How often have you made to yourself a "friend" of this world's wealth so