

HUMAN EXPERIENCES OF PAYING TITHES TO GOD.

The following are but a few from thousands of similar testimonies, that have been received by the gentleman above referred to :

"A firm of two brothers (Quakers) have been surprised by the effect of applying the tithe to their income."

"I have tried the tithing plan for over a year, during which time I 'got ahead' more than I had the three previous year of my ministry."

"I commenced the practice when in a condition of deep financial embarrassment, and the way brightens in that direction every step I take."

"I had a young man in my church the first year I came here who tithed his income, and has been greatly blessed in it. He is getting rich."

"I have been personally acquainted with but two men who made it a rule to give unto the Lord the tenth of their increase, and they prospered exceedingly."

"One of our members having decided on giving a tenth increased his subscription from \$10 to \$40. He says he never enjoyed prosperity as during the last two years."

"One brother in my charge made a written contract that he would give the Lord one-tenth of his annual income. He was poor then; he now gives hundreds of dollars annually."

"I know two families who testify to their much greater gratification in giving on this plan, having more to give and being blessed in their temporal affairs since adopting it."

"My father lived by that rule and prospered. I have for eight years, since leaving the seminary, and have prospered; the wealthiest man in my church and community has lived by it."

"During a recent pastorate in Baltimore city, I was struck with the fact that the one business man in my church not seriously affected by the hard times was the solitary individual who gave proportionately."

"About three years ago I read your tract on 'Christian giving—No. 2,' and since that time I have been paying a tenth of my salary to the Lord. I never was so blessed both temporally and spiritually as I have been during that time."

"I have an uncle who, until he decided to give systematically one tenth of his income, was in straitened circumstances. For several years of late, giving as above, he has been greatly prospered spiritually and especially financially. He is now quite independent."

"Mr. ——— told me that the day of his conversion he commenced giving one-tenth to the cause

of God, and during the following eleven years he gave more than he was worth when converted, and God prospered him so that he was worth after eleven years of giving ten times more than before."

"I began the tithing system when a freshman at Oberlin twelve years ago. I was poor, working my own way, and I found it a constant burden to decide what I ought to give, and a constant temptation to scrimp my beneficence. I decided that so long as I could, in justice to my creditors, I would lay aside a tenth for the Lord. From that day it has been a delight to give."

"More than twelve years ago my wife and I determined to pay to the Lord one-tenth of our income. We began when our salary was very small, yet we were always able to restore to God his own. We have been blessed both temporally and spiritually. Paying has been a means of grace equal to praying or any other form of worship. We began because we saw it was duty, and we continue it for the same reason, and one more; the Divine blessing flows more freely through this channel than any other in our experience."

"I was personally acquainted with a prominent member of the Congregational Church of New York. For many years he had given one-tenth of his income to the Lord and has been uniformly prosperous in his business. He is certainly the happiest and most devoted and spiritually-minded Christian I have ever known. During the years of 'hard times,' when many business firms were suffering, his business was as prosperous as ever. I have heard him repeatedly express his belief that his practice of proportionate giving was the secret of his success in business."

"In a former charge after preaching upon the subject of proportionate giving, I had a long talk with a member of my church who was then clerking in a store, receiving a very moderate salary and having a wife and three children to support. A few days after our conversation he said to me, 'I have concluded to give the One-Tenth.' Six months after this he said to me: 'I have never been able to save as much money in the same space of time as I have during the past six months, or since I adopted the One-Tenth.' This occurred about four years ago. He is now carrying on, in his own name, a very prosperous business."

"You ask for facts in regard to proportionate giving. I have only lately adopted the plan. It is wonderful how God blesses me in it. I have just learned from one of our young business men that he has been given one-tenth for some time, and finds that has been wonderfully prospered. He says it pays not 100 per cent, but 1,000. He is working for a salary and finds hundreds in the Lord's treasury, which he takes great pleasure in distributing to home and foreign missions and the support of the Gospel at home. Lately this young man and his wife have taken two orphans in Japan to support. He is our most liberal giver to church and Sunday school work."