

soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things he possessed was his own; but they had all things common."—Acts iv, 22. The nineteenth century Christian idea is about this:—"All I have is not mine, but God's; He has given it to me for the support of my family in the station of life to which He has called me, which is my first duty. I give back to Him what remains." And that duty is conscientiously performed. Horses, carriages, servants, fine linen, sumptuous living every day, and the refuse—the odd cents—for God. And so it comes about that the Christian gives less than the heathen, less than the Jew; but let it be noted that even the tenth part of the incomes of churchmen, or rather the spirit which would lead them to give it, would soon lead to the reunion of Christendom, and the conversion of the world; but alas, the one great want of the Church of Christ is Christians!

But to return to the tenth part. Our Lord said plainly, "I came not to destroy the law, but to fulfil it." And he did fulfil the law in the letter and in the spirit. And another commandment He gave us was, "Follow me, deny thyself, and take up thy cross daily and follow me." His sacrifice was not offered up on the altar of the cross alone; He carried it for thirty years; He lived a life of daily self sacrifice. His followers may have horses and carriages, fine linen and other blessings, but unless they follow Jesus in this daily self sacrifice, let them examine themselves whether they are not "crucifying the Son of God afresh and putting Him to an open shame." His commandment was, "disciple all nations." And Christians (so called) send opium to China and rum to Africa. Before men and angels is He not put to open shame?

Did our Lord teach that those who follow Him should give tithes? No, He did not; but He did not rebuke the Pharisees for paying tithe of mint, anise and cummin; nor did He express disapproval of the Pharisee because he paid the tithe of all that he possessed; nor when He was in the treasury watching the rich pouring in their money did He express any opinion; but when He saw the poor widow put in her two mites, which made a farthing, He called to His disciples in his joy, because she obeyed THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW; she alone could trust her all to God, her Friend, her Father, Creator, and Sustainer of her earthly life. Now, as then, it is the poor, and not the rich, who are likely to "return to God in tithes and offerings."

A YEAR or two ago a certain vestry of one of the parishes of the American Church pledged themselves (as individuals, being eight in number) to pay a tithe of their income. This case is here mentioned to show that the spirit of self-sacrifice is not dead in the Church, and that the tithe-payers are not all fully awake to the necessity of adding their influence to the forces already brought to bear in spreading the knowledge of the best method of giving for the cause of Christ.

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