

which has accomplished such great good in the past, and whose day of usefulness is by no means over. District or city local preachers' associations might be organized where these brethren might meet from time to time, say once a quarter, for the discussion of themes pertaining to their office, for the exchange of views and for the general promoting of the spiritual interest of Methodism. While other Churches are more largely than ever employing lay preachers, elders and deacons, it is surely wise for Methodism to make the best possible use of this agency, to which she is so greatly indebted for her success in the past.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH.

Berkeley Street Methodist Church, Toronto, issues a card like the following, whose suggestions might be adopted with advantage in many other places:

It has been ascertained that there are many people in our congregation who give but little for church and religious objects; but who, if the church will provide convenient methods, and they be induced to contribute only ten cents a week regularly, would give an amount aggregating to hundreds of dollars annually. Thus three persons giving \$1 each, amounts to \$3 per week, or \$156 per year; fifty persons giving fifty cents each, amounts to \$25 per week, or \$1,300 per year; one hundred persons giving twenty-five cents each, amounts to \$25 per week, or \$1,300 per year; one hundred and fifty persons giving twenty cents each, amounts to \$30 per week, or \$1,560 per year; two hundred persons giving ten cents each, amounts to \$20 per week, or \$1,040 per year; fifty persons giving five cents each, amounts to \$2.50 per week, or \$150 per year; total \$5,486. Each person receiving this card will do well to study the Scriptural injunctions on the margins, consider their obligations to God—to the church they attend—and enter in the spaces pro-

vided, their free-will offering, name, date, etc., and return the same at once, on the collection plate, or to the recording steward, receiving therefor a package of numbered envelopes, which are to be used every Sunday to convey their offerings to the treasury of the church.

On the other side is the following: I will devote to the Lord for the use of _____ \$ — cents — weekly, and present the same on the first day of each week, at that place of worship, as my offering to Him.

Also the following verses in the margin:

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it."

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase."

"The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."

"And none shall appear before Me empty, saith the Lord."

CORRECTION.

We are sorry that the revised proof with corrections of one of Miss Amy Parkinson's touching poems, "The Pure in Heart Shall See God," mis-carried. On page 33 of our last number, second verse, third line, unadorned—read *undimmed*; also, third verse, fourth line—await, read *awaits*.