

motive in the Christian life, the question of whether one shall give one-tenth, or one-fifth, or one-half, or more, must be left to the individual conscience to determine. That many who belong to the Tenth Legion are contributing more than one-tenth, we are satisfied. But if all could be prevailed upon to practice the lower proportion, it is certain that many, through the blessings received, would be led to adopt a yet higher proportion.

The following four cases mentioned in an English paper should certainly be classed as heroic givers:

First case.—A governess, out of the £100 that she earns, keeps £50 and gives the other £50 away. Like Zacchæus, she says, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor." *Second case.*—"One whose income is £2000, lives on £200 and gives £1800 away," thus parting with not only one-tenth but with nine-tenths of what is received. *Third case.*—"Another, who earns £1500 a year, lives on £100 and gives £1400 away," and thus £14 out of every £15 are devoted to the claims of religion and charity. *Fourth case.*—"Another, whose income is £8000, lives on £250, and gives the balance away." What a balance to part with, £31 given back to God out of every £32 received from Him.

If we are to consider the mathematics of the Jewish tithe at all, it must be as the *minimum* standard. The Jewish Church had no world-wide mission work. Their concern was merely self-support. To-day the church looks out upon the whitening harvest field of the world. The Macedonian cry comes from a thousand millions in heathen lands. The Christian church must realize that its obligations are greater than those of the ancient Jews, and it would seem that there should be a corresponding increase in benefactions. But whatever the proportion, whether the gift be large or small, let it be systematic. That is the respectful way, the business-like way, the Scriptural way.

Just a Little Thing.

TO do good one does not need great wealth and large opportunities. Dr. J. R. Miller tells of a gentleman of his acquaintance who makes it a practice to give the newsboy an extra penny every time he buys a paper, to pay double price to the bootblack, and to carry in his pocket frequently a package of candies for the children that he meets. He declares that these are his most satisfactory philanthropies, although they cost him almost nothing. It is not often that he is thanked in words; the recipients of his trifling favors are usually too surprised for that. At times the boys will refute the proffered sweets, thinking he is only in jest, or they will grab the gift and run away for fear that he will change his mind! But always the pleasure of the little ones is so great and so much out of proportion to the benefit bestowed, that the donor finds great satisfaction in his little gifts. We are all prone

to undervalue the importance of little things. The cheery word, the cordial smile, the kindly courtesy—these, like mercy, are twice blessed, and the world would be a surnier spot if they were but oftener bestowed.

Show Your Colors.

IF one is a Christian, his life will tell the story. The servant, like the Master, cannot be hid. But the light that shines from character and conduct is not usually observed until opportunity has been afforded for its manifestation. It is here that the value of the Christian Endeavor pin is apparent. It immediately declares the profession of the wearer. It invites the approach of those who are members of the society or are interested in its work, and prepares the way for Christian conversation. Now that the vacation days have come and the members of our societies are scattered abroad, we would recommend the use of the Christian Endeavor pin. It is only a small thing. But it requires courage to wear it. It will show what side you are on; it will lead to many an interesting and profitable conversation; and it will often open the door for doing personal work for the Master.

The Home Department.

A NUMBER of live societies have recently reported that they are taking charge of the Home Department of the Sunday-school with most gratifying results. This is a field of Christian effort that we would earnestly urge other societies to enter. The Sunday-school and the Christian Endeavor society are closely related, and a large proportion of the members of our societies are actively engaged in Sunday-school work.

In the Home Department there is a specially inviting sphere for consecrated service. No recent development of the Sunday-school movement is so full of promise. It touches life at its most effective point—the home. The plan of the department is briefly this: In every community there are large numbers of people who are not connected with any Sunday-school, and who for various reasons are unable to attend. Many of these would study the International lessons in their homes, if they were provided with helps and if regular visitation were made in the interests of the work. The purpose of the Home Department is to keep a register of such persons, furnish literature, and give all needed oversight. Full information and helpful suggestions may be had by making request to the secretary of the Sabbath School Association of Ontario, Miss Jessie Munro, 28 King St. West, Toronto.

The study of the Bible in the home is essential to its highest welfare. Any movement that leads to this desired end should be eagerly welcomed and earnestly supported. The satisfactory results that have already followed the use of the Home