

help ourselves to some extent. For the good Book reads—freely have ye received, so freely give. Then again some of us say, we have hard times, there, but surely most any of us could afford to give a cent, think of the poor widow, who cast only a mite into the treasury, and our Savior called the attention of his disciples, and said, (This Poor Widow hath cast in more than all. More than the rich, because they only gave a part of their wealth.) There are some people who are so afraid of giving, that when it is near collection time, will walk out of the church, and others will let the plate pass by hardly taking any notice of it. I suppose they are so used to doing so, they have got beyond seeing the necessity of giving—others again will give only one solitary cent, that has been laying in some corner of their pocket for ever so long, and say, I guess I can give this now, when often times such a person, could give a five cent piece just as well.

Now the Diocese of Huron, in which, I am proud to say we are included. According to the last Synod Journal report, we are in debt to the extent of seventeen thousand dollars and it is puzzling our good Bishop and Clergy how to reduce this dept. The Synod has adopted a plan of taxing every church family one dollar, and adults 33 cents throughout the Diocese, to which, if we would all respond, as good church people, and do our share upon this Reserve. It would go a long way towards showing our sympathy with those who are endeavoring to guide the Gospel Ship into harbor of financial safety.

Now I believe there is no church family but could raise a dollar in

one year, if they were only willing. Now let me suggest to each family and adult, that at the next vestry meeting we will try this plan, appointing a committee at each of our churches, to look up all our church members, and to persuade them if possible to promise faithfully to give five cents every Sunday in the year. I mean five cents for each family, and whatever adults would be willing to give if it is only a cent each Sunday, but I am sure many would be willing to give more, and should we fail on some Sunday or Sundays through absence or otherwise, let us feel it is our bounden duty to fulfil our promises made to Him, through His servants labouring in His interests to provide for His church here on earth.

The advantage of this plan would be a very small sum at a time, we would not notice, whereas one dollar appears so large in our eyes, that the more we look on it the harder it is to part with it, also by these means we would form the habit of giving, and wean ourselves of any selfishness that may have taken possession of our hearts. I have adopted this plan of giving, for my family, for over a year now and I find it works well. And I think, by following this plan, from the time we make a start, say, a year after, we would be both surprised and pleased to find a sum equal to the required contribution asked of us by the Synod, besides other things being kept in order.

First—we should be cheerful givers, because the good Book reads (God loveth a cheerful giver) again (It is more blessed to give than it is to receive) or as the Roman proverb says (He who gives quickly, gives twice.)

Second—we should give, because it is one way of giving thanks to Him, (Who first loved us,) besides this; God has through all ages past; acknowledged sacrifices and offerings as a tribute of loyalty to Him.

Third—we should be glad of the opportunity of paying tribute to so Great a King; whose throne is above all thrones, and all thrones turned towards His, whose treasury the Bible says, neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, where thieves cannot break through and steal. Blessed are they, who have cast their gifts into so safe a treasury as the Lords.

Abel's sacrifice was accepted, but Cain's was not. One was sincere, the other had only the outward appearance of a sacrifice, while his heart was far from being interested. There is such a thing as giving and yet receiving no spiritual benefit from the same. It is a most blessed condition in life to reach the exalted state of acceptance with God, in anything. So when we place our offering on the plate a sincere prayer should be lifted up from the altar of hearts, asking God to bless our gift to the promotion of His glory here on earth.

And now in conclusion I would only say, I have done my best. I know the wording is not what it ought to be. Still I hope it may kindle a flame of zeal in the hearts of my fellow church people through out this Reserve, so that, here after in our midst, may be found many eager hearts to serve the Lord in the way of giving.

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Our readers from this section was somewhat disappointed when no news from this part of the Reserve appeared in last month's issue of the Indian Magazine, and not the