

amount of good done, has not been in proportion to the favors that God has bestowed upon you.—Be humble! Your anniversary collections have never been so great as the wants of your indigent countrymen call for.—Be more liberal. Some of you, not remembering that a collection was to be made, may have forgotten to put money in your purses; borrow from those who have, unless they intend to empty their own into that of the Society's purse-bearer; then take a pencil, give a *bon* for the amount, and some of the office-bearers will thankfully receive its liquidation. But whatever you do, do it to the glory of God. Degrade not a holy duty, unto a selfish gratification. Dishonour not the generous impulses of national feeling by the incitements of animal instincts. Give as conscience dictates, and as God commands. Listen to the words he has caused to be recorded for your encouragement:—"God loveth the cheerful giver,"—"God hateth the covetous,"—"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord,"—"Cast your bread upon the waters, for thou shall find it after many days"—"Blessed is the man that considereth the poor, * * * he shall be blessed on the earth." Your christian beneficence is the criterion of the power of the Gospel in your hearts---it is a test of the purity of your patriotism. May I hope that you will, at this time, give substantial proof that your religion is genuine, and your patriotism is pure.

I add no more but my fervent prayer that God may bless and prosper you in your work of love---may make your bounty a blessing unto the poor, and a means of showing forth His glory. Amen.