

no call of duty. Others in the hospital—requiring attention rather than giving help. And others who at the roll-call cannot be accounted for at all—deserters, or prisoners in the camp of the enemy—missing. The force of all arms ready for service, is seldom much more than one-half the numbers on paper. There are many little better than camp followers. It is therefore unsafe to calculate *our duty*, by counting ourselves *one* of the *whole number* and giving in that proportion. The sad truth is, that the giving of the church, like the work of the church, must be done by the *faithful few*. Let each one, after allowing for all these deductions, estimate his duty, and according to the utmost of his ability give to the *best of causes* and the BEST OF MASTERS.

What Has Been Done By it.

John Wesley, when asked to what he attributed the great success of Methodism, replied, "To the Grace of God and a penny a week."

Not long since, Bloomsbury Chapel, London, England, required extensive repairs and some additions, involving an outlay of five or six thousand pounds. The whole amount was raised by weekly offerings ranging from one penny upwards, and the place was re-opened free.

The Metropolitan Tabernacle Church, London, besides paying current expenses by means of pew rents, and carrying on many vast enterprises, gives by means of weekly offerings upwards of £1,800 per year. A box is placed at each door, and on it are the words, "THE PASTOR'S COLLEGE. Each person worshipping in this place is requested to give *at least one penny*." Nearly \$10,000 from one congregation, for one denominational object, by Systematic Beneficence !