

judged according to men in the flesh,' iv. 6, leaves the impression, at least, that the result there also was one of consummation, those who had been rebellious and disobedient continuing to be so, while those who had been teaching upward to God in vague but vital aspiration found peace and glory in the vision.

"But however this may be, for one, we think, can seriously doubt that according to the general evangelical conviction, the manifestation of God in Christ now meets man at death and is welcomed or repelled according to tendencies here established."

### SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.



A GREAT deal is being said at present, and this has been the case for years past, regarding "organisation;" but the expression, as used, always seems to me vague and indefinite. Something about which to organise seems

called for. Moreover, my feeling is that too much importance has been made of larger contributions, and that small sums have been comparatively overlooked. Both these points of weakness in our system I would desire to correct. My desire would be to obtain from or for every communicant in the Church, rich and poor, a contribution of 3d. per month for the Mission Schemes of the Church. I would desire that the existing arrangements for collections, associations, etc., should continue just as at present. Through these the wealthier members of the Church would contribute of their abundance. But alongside of these, every communicant should be understood *ipso facto* to belong to a corporation, and bound, if his means allow, to contribute 3d. a month—no more and no less—for the Schemes. The sums paid by way of collection and through associations would be regarded as supplementary contributions, while the 3d. monthly would be regarded as normal, and the 3d., in case of those contributing a larger sum, would be transferred to the corporation fund, leaving any balance in excess for the supplementary fund, applicable as those contributing might determine. As to the raising of this 3d. a month, I would propose that for every ten communicants in a congregation there should be a collector, male or female, and that he or she should be regarded as bound to produce from himself and the other nine entrusted to him 2s. 6d. monthly—30s. per annum. If any of the communicants so entrusted are temporarily or permanently unable to contribute their

quotum of 3d. a month, the collectors should, through wealthier friends or otherwise, make up what is wanting. But every month, or at least very frequently, the collectors should see the communicants under their charge, and receive from them their 3d., or become aware of a reason satisfactory to themselves why it is not forthcoming, in which latter case the amount would be made up for them, as already explained. The 3d. per month being thus collected, should monthly, or certainly bi-monthly, be remitted, after being paid by the collectors to a parochial treasurer, by said treasurer to the general collector in Edinburgh. The money result would be as follows:—

|                  |                    |       |    |   |
|------------------|--------------------|-------|----|---|
| 3d. monthly from | 10 communicants is | £0    | 2  | 6 |
| " " "            | 100 " "            | 1     | 5  | 0 |
| " " "            | 1,000 " "          | 12    | 10 | 0 |
| " " "            | 10,000 " "         | 125   | 0  | 0 |
| " " "            | 100,000 " "        | 1,250 | 0  | 0 |
| " " "            | 500,000 " "        | 6,250 | 0  | 0 |

£6,250 monthly for 12 mos. is £75,000 0 0

My proposal, then, is to organise, as I have said, to the effect, (in addition to present income, or at least, I believe, with small deduction from present income), of realizing £75,000 per annum for the funds of the Schemes.—*Scottish Mission Record.*

### DESERVED REPROOF.



A LESSON for both parents and daughters is contained in the following extract from the *Detroit Free Press*:

There was a stir at a railroad station, and two pretty girls came aboard. They laughed and giggled; threw kisses to their friends at the depot; gave silly messages and good-byes, and, as the train started, they took a seat behind the commercial traveller. There were other seats vacant, but they preferred this, and rustled into it with a series of little shrieks and giggles.

"Did you see Tom Barlow watching us, Nellie? Te-he."

"He'll be there to meet us when we go back, see if he isn't, Kittie! Ha! ha!"

"Say, he's a drummer," giggled Nellie, hunching her friend toward the front seat.

"A swell, ain't he? Oh, my!"

The traveller's lips were compressed, and he replied by no look or motion to the rude speech of the merry girls.

These were young ladies, dear reader, whose fathers and mothers would have been greatly astonished to learn that their daughters flirted.