

## FOURTH SABBATH.

*Golden Text*:—Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Psalm 119: 36.

M. Foscue, the French millionaire miser, in order to make sure of his treasures, dug a cave in his wine-cellar, so large and deep that he could go down with a ladder. At the entrance was a door with a spring lock, which, on shutting, would fasten of itself. After a time, he was missing. Search was made for him, but of no purpose. At last, his house was sold. The purchaser, beginning to rebuild it, discovered a door in this cellar, and, on going down, found him lying dead on the ground, with a candle-stick near him; and, on searching farther, discovered the vast wealth that he had amassed. He went into the cave, and the door by some accident shutting after him, he perished for want of food. He had eaten the candle, and gnawed the flesh off both his arms. Thus died this avaricious wretch in the midst of the treasure which he had heaped together.

The New York *Evangelist* describes an occurrence in that state, which serves well to illustrate the evils of a covetous disposition. The writer of the account was an agent for some benevolent cause. He says, "I called on a gentleman, who made me a generous contribution. When I asked, 'How much do you think Mr. — will give me?' 'I don't know,' said he; 'but could you hear that man pray, you would think he would give you all he had.' I called on him, and to my surprise he would not contribute. His covetous desires after wealth had hardened his heart. While he had been in moderate circumstances he was liberal; now he was rich, but hated to give. As I was about to take my leave of him, I said to him, 'As I came to your house, I asked a man what he thought you would give. I don't know, said he; but could you hear that man pray, you would think he would give you all he is worth.' The man's head dropped; tears gushed from his eyes. He took out his pocketbook, and gave me seventy-five dollars. His heart relented and his purse opened."

A similar circumstance occurred in my own experience. I called upon a man for a donation, who told me he was hard run for money; but in view of the importance of the cause, if I would call the next morning he would give me twenty dollars. At the appointed time he met me with a smile, and said, "The Lord has doubly paid me already. About ten years ago a man ran away from here, owing me forty dollars. Soon afterwards I heard of his death; and as I never expected any thing from him, in destroying useless papers I destroyed his bond. But to my surprise he called on me

this morning and paid the debt and interest." "Well," said I, "as the Lord has provided the sacrifice, I think you can afford to give it all." Said he, "I will give you twenty more next year." In a year I visited the town again. A friend observed to me, "You will not get much from Mr M—— this year." "Why?" said I. "Because he has just got a fortune of \$15,000, and he is very poor now." I soon called on him, when to my surprise he began to apologize about hard times, and wound up by handing me one dollar, which I refused to take, and reminded him of what had occurred the year before, and of his own promise. After a struggle between duty and avarice, he gave me ten dollars. By the next year his fortune was nearly doubled again, and he could only give one dollar.

## NOTICES, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, &amp;c.

The Treasurer acknowledges receipt of the following sums for the Schemes of the Church within the past month:—

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Middle Stewiacke, South side	
River.....	\$4 60
Do. North side.....	6 30
Do. South Branch.....	3 40
Shelburne, per Rev. S. Archibald:	\$14 30
Shelburne.....	\$6 82
Lockeport, col. by Miss Beckwith	6 00
Do. col. by Miss Hoffman.....	2 50
Jordan River, col. by Miss E.	
Martin.....	2 00
Upper Ohio.....	2 00
Lower Ohio.....	2 00
Saltsprings, N. B.....	2 20
Golden Grove.....	2 00
Grand River, C. B.....	15 00
Loch Lomond.....	5 00
S. S. Grand River.....	1 00
Anon, Truro, per J. F. Blanchard.....	1 25
Miss Jane Logan, per J. F. Blanchard.....	2 50
J. Henry, Salisbury, N. B.....	1 00
Lat <sup>o</sup> Mrs. Robert Barnhill, Onslow, per	
Rev. Mr. Chase.....	6 50
Rev. Mr. Millen's congregation.....	15 00
Arch. Wingood, Hamilton, Bermuda.....	20 00
Clifton, per Rev. J. Byers.....	27 01

## COOLIE CHURCH.

Mrs. David Lowe, Moser's River.....	2 00
Arch. Wingood, Hamilton, Bermuda..	5 00

## DAYSFRING.

Shubenacadie, col. by Miss Clara Kirkpatrick.....	10 70
Brookfield section of Rev. E. Smith's congregation:	
Col. by Maggie Ryan.....	\$0 70
“ Jessie Harvov.....	1 16
“ Jane Downing.....	0 80
“ Mary Frame.....	1 81
“ Maggie Dunlap, Halfway Brook.....	3 79
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