

ing? What part have you in the erection? Are you helping to build that enduring temple of the Lord?

Is there not instruction for us in this Text?

We often hear much said of "the times," of "prices," and the "scarcity of money." Have we faith in God? He says: "Go... build"—work, give for the extension of my cause—and "I will bless you." Some have done so, not in a mercenary spirit, but out of love to God's Kingdom, and they were blessed. In the early days of a certain part of this Province the people, who were comparatively few and not possessed with much of this world's goods, endeavored to maintain Christian ordinances. One of their number went through the community soliciting the alms of the people for that purpose. He came to one man who though considered poor was evidently strong in faith. He had but one bushel of wheat, which was intended for seed, and he offered "one half thereof" for aiding the maintenance of true religion in the community. The other declined the gift which seemed a great sacrifice; but he insisted upon its acceptance it being the only contribution he could make. He sowed the remaining half. It yielded a good return. He and his growing family never wanted, but prospered. A few years ago he passed away from earth leaving a large and valuable property to his family. He did not wait for the good and easy times, but obeyed the command, "Go and build," and the Lord blessed him.

"There is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." "He that trusteth in riches shall fall." "He who soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

But some who do not care for God's cause, and who do little or nothing for it flourish, prosper, as the world call it, and amass wealth. Envy them not. Their treasure is in a "bag with holes." What if the Lord blow upon it? Soon enough their feet shall slip. Whose shall these things be?

May we hear, and lovingly and believingly heed the Lord's voice: "Consider your ways. Go... and build. From this day will I bless you."—Amen.