

*President*—But if we are poor, or have no income, how can we give?.

*Members*—There never was anyone too poor to give something; if we have not dollars or cents, we can give work, zeal, prayer. “If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. (2 Cor. viii. 12.)

*President*—If we are in debt can we afford to give?

*Members*—This is really when we can least afford not to give. For in thus recognizing God’s proprietorship, we are practically taking our Heavenly Father into partnership with us in our business affairs. “Both riches and honor come of thee, . . . and in thy hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. (1 Chron. xxix. 12.)

*President*—“The experience given by many thousands who have adopted this method is uniformly that the *nine-tenths goes further than the whole*, and that the conscientious observance of this practice, from proper motives, almost invariably marks a new era in temporal prosperity.”—(*Christian Layman*.)

*President*—What are we to understand by proper motives?

*Members*—Proper motives are, Reverence—“I am the LORD;” Obedience—“To obey is better than sacrifice;” Love—“God so loved that He gave.”

*President*—If ye love me, keep my commandments,” and “if ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love.” “If a man love me he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him.” Let us pray “that the eyes of our understanding may be enlightened.”—*M. B. Willmott*.

#### PRAYER.

THANK-OFFERINGS—*For Evangelistic and Educational Work in China.*

*Selections which may be read while offerings are gathered :*

Let us remember that in making our offerings we make them to the Lord, not to a society as such, nor to any specific work, but to him. He says explicitly, “Bring me an offering.”

To some, our united offering may mean very little, but to that loving One who, from the realms of Paradise, sees all our work and treasures it in His Heart, it means gifts to gather the weary and the lost into His Fold.

Let us not only lay our offerings on the altar, but let us lay that which is above price, our hearts, at the feet of Jesus.

*Prayer*— { Consecration of offerings.  
                  { Consecration of self to a holier life.