

others in which he is not disposed to assist. Now, as he has properly explained the duty of all our brethren in regard to contributions, and as he has given indisputable evidence, at least to us, that he is himself a useful correspondent, we shall bind him by his own laws and mete out to him his own measure. We shall therefore expect to hear from him frequently. If he is not forthcoming, it is possible we may charge him with inconsistency! This would be painful to us, and not profitable for him; and therefore we entreat brother Quartus not to compel us into the conviction that he reverses the words of our Lord when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

CONDUCTOR.

HOW TO GIVE.

At a missionary meeting held amongst the negroes in the West Indies, these three resolutions were agreed upon :

1. We will all give something.
2. We will all give as God has enabled us.
3. We will all give willingly.

As soon as the meeting was over, a leading negro took his seat at a table, with pen and ink, to put down what each came to give. Many came to give, some more and some less. Among those that came was a rich old negro, almost as rich as all the others put together, and threw down upon the table a small silver coin. "Take that back again," said the negro who received the money. "That may be according to the first resolution, but it not according to the second." The rich old man accordingly took it up, and retired back again to his seat in a great rage. One after another came forward, and as almost all gave more than himself, he was fairly ashamed; and threw down a piece of money on the table, saying, "There! take that!" It was a valuable piece of gold; but it was given so ill-temperedly, that the negro answered again, "No! that won't do yet! It may be according to the first and the second resolution, but not according to the last;" and he was obliged to take it up again. Still angry at himself and all the rest, he sat a long time, till nearly all were gone, and then came up to the table, and with a smile on his face, and very willingly, gave a large sum to the treasurer. "Very well," said the negro, "that will do; that according to all the resolutions."—*Selected.*