

missionary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, and since then has labored most zealously in connection with the American Telugu Mission. A cablegram of September 21, announced her death on that day. As cholera is known to be prevalent in Madras, it is thought probable that she succumbed to that fell disease. Her father, Rev. John Alexander, of Toronto, had just completed his arrangements for making a trip to India to visit his daughter, and would have started for India in a few days. Our readers will sympathize deeply with Bro. Alexander in this great affliction, and will pray that he may be abundantly sustained by Divine grace in this time of trial. The cause of Missions loses in Mrs. Drake one of its noblest and most devoted workers.

### Giving and Living.



FOREVER the sun is pouring its gold  
On a hundred worlds that beg and borrow;  
His warmth he squanders on summits cold,  
His wealth on the homes of want and sorrow:  
To withhold his largesse of precious light  
Is to bury himself in eternal night:  
To give  
Is to live.

The flower shines not for himself at all,  
Its joy is the joy it freely diffuses;  
Of beauty and balm it is prodigal.  
And it lives in the light it freely loses.  
No choice for the rose but glory or doom,  
To exhale or wither, to wither or bloom.  
To deny  
Is to die.

The seas lend silvery rains to the land,  
The land its sapphire streams to the ocean,  
The heart sends blood to the brain of command,  
The brain to the heart its lightning motion;  
And over and over we yield our breath,  
Till the mirror is dry and images dead.  
To live  
Is to give.

He is dead whose hand is not open wide  
To help the need of a human brother;  
He doubles the length of his lifelong ride  
Who gives his fortunate place to another;  
And a thousand million lives are his  
Who carries the world in his sympathies.  
To deny  
Is to die.

—Selected.

### "Mitebox Service; or, The Blessedness of Giving."

#### SCRIPTURE READING.

"As good stewards of the manifold grace of God" 1 Peter iv. 10.

"She of her want did cast in all that she had." Mark xii. 44.

"Almsgiving is the salt of riches." Talmud.

Singing. — Hymn 467.

God's ownership Psalm xxiv. 1, Psalm 110, 12; Hag. ii. 9; 1 Cor. vi., last clause 19, first clause 20.

Financial ability a Divine gift. Deut. viii. 18; 1 Cor. iv. 7; Jas. i. 17.

Duty of those having this gift. 1 Peter iv. 10; 1 Cor. iv. 2.

What of those having this gift, but not having it consecrated? James v. 1-6.

Are any but the rich required to give? 1 Cor. xvi. 2; Deut. xvi. 17.

What is tithing first mentioned? Gen. xiv. 20.

Give example of tithing in Gen. xxviii. 22.

What was the Jewish rule of tithing?

First—One tithe, or tenth, assigned to the maintenance of the Levites.

Second—Out of this the Levites were to dedicate a tenth to the tabernacle for the use of the high priest.

Third—A tenth to festival purposes, and every third year special provision was made for the poor, either out of the second tenth, or in addition to it. Deut. xiv. 28, 29; Lev. xxvii. 30-32.

What did the Lord say to his people for neglecting the ordinances of tithes and offerings? Mal. iii. 7-9.

Does our giving bear any proportion to our receiving? 2 Cor. ix. 6; Prov. xi. 24.

What was the trouble with the rich young man in Luke xxiii. 22? Like many others, he did not want to consecrate his means to the Lord's work.

Our check on Heaven's bank (2 Cor. ix. 8).

The great promissory note (Phil. iv. 19).

Our life-insurance policy (Ps. xxxvii. 3).

The Christian rule of giving (1 Cor. xvi. 2).

Examples in the New Testament of giving. 2 Cor. viii. 1-4; Acts iv. 34-36; Matt. x. 9-14; Luke x. 4-8, 16.

### Give like a Child.

In the *Union Signal* we find the following story, told by a pastor about one of his parishioners, a poor woman who lived in one small room and made her living by her needle. He says:—

"She put three dollars into my hand and said,—

" 'There is my contribution to the church fund.'"

" 'But you are not able to give so much.'"

" 'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'I have learned how to give, now.'"

" 'How is that?' I asked.

" 'Do you remember,' she answered, 'that sermon of three months ago, when you told us that you did not believe one of your people was so poor that if he loved Christ, he could not find some way of showing that love by his gifts?'

" 'I do.'"

" 'Well, I went home and had a good cry over that sermon. I said to myself, 'My minister don't know how poor I am, or he never could have said that'; but from crying, I at last got to praying, and when I told Jesus all about it, I seemed to get an answer in my heart that dried up all tears.'"

" 'What was the answer?' I asked, deeply moved by her recital.

" 'Only this, 'If you cannot give as other people do, give like a little child,' and I have been doing it ever since. When I have a penny over from my sugar or loaf of bread, I lay it aside for Jesus, and so I have gathered it all in pennies. Since I began to give to the Lord I have always had money in the house for myself, and it is wonderful how the work comes pouring in, so many are coming to see me that I never knew before. It used to