

number of congregations that are comparatively wealthy: to these we say,—Remember the day of your small things, and be helpful to those that are now weak and poor. Answer to the limit of your power all the appeals that are made to you. Give liberally and cheerfully.

We can never repay the loving kindness of our Redeemer. What can we do for Him? He does not, in person, need our help now. But He will accept the good deeds done to His children as if they had been done to Himself. Therefore, when we ask you to help poor congregations, and to send the bread of life to the dark and desolate corners of our land, we ask you to do what we are sure will meet with the commendation of our Saviour.

IMPORTANT DECISION IN ENGLAND.

Our readers are aware that the civil power is the highest tribunal to which members of the Church of England can appeal in matters ecclesiastical and spiritual. Two of the authors of "*Essays and Reviews*"—Dr. Rowland Williams and Mr. Wilson were tried before Dr. Lushington in the Court of Arches and condemned on several points. The punishment inflicted upon them was suspension for one year. They appealed to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and this, the highest tribunal in the realm, reversed Lushington's judgment and allowed the heretical clergymen to "go about their business"—that is, to preach and teach and enjoy their fat livings as ministers of the Established Church.

By this decision it is lawful for ministers of the Church of England to deny and denounce the doctrine of the Inspiration and divine authority of the Holy Scriptures; the eternal duration of the punishment of the wicked, a final judgment, and the atonement of Christ for sin.

It is to be observed that the prosecutors selected the two worst of the seven "*Essays*," and the most objectionable portions of these. Dr. Lushington's judgment condemning the doctrines contained in these extracts was lax enough. But it is now authoritatively pronounced by the "Head" of

the Church of England, that the doctrines of these extracts may be entertained and taught by her ministers. In this church as by law established, the atonement of Christ, the inspiration of the Scriptures, and the eternity of future punishments may be denied.

The sound-hearted Christians in the Church of England,—and thank God, they are many and influential, are seriously alarmed at the crisis which has been reached. High and Low, Puseyite and Evangelical, forget and ignore old feuds, and unite in defence of a common Gospel. Strange to tell, Dr. PLSEX writes long letters to the *London Record*, his inveterate enemy in the days that are past. A declaration has been drawn up called "*The Oxford Declaration*", endorsing the doctrines impugned by the Privy Council; it is to be circulated throughout England and Ireland, and all the orthodox and semi-orthodox are subscribing it.

It is now expected that Bishop Colenso can fearlessly maintain his position in spite of the widely extended feeling against him. He has been condemned by Bishop Gray of Cape Town; but the *London Record* thinks that he and his friends are about to petition the Queen for a reversal of this sentence, and "expect to obtain a second and more crowning victory in the case of a man who has not merely boldly assailed the truth of Moses and the Pentateuch, but has not feared recklessly and audaciously to impeach of ignorance the very Son of God himself."

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We ask the special attention of our readers to the following Questions proposed by the Rev. Dr. Morgan to the members of the Irish Presbyterian Church. Through Dr. Morgan's efforts a very large increase has already taken place in the stipends of some of the Irish Church ministers; but he is still prosecuting a war of extermination against starvation salaries. Let our readers consider the following as specially addressed to themselves:—

1. Have you considered the subject? It is surely a duty to do so. God has spoken upon it in His Word, and it involves many