

tinued liberality: will grow dearer and dearer to us as we feel more and more, the love of Christ constraining us. God demanded a tenth from the Jew and surely the ransomed "child of God," freed from the punishment of sin and made an heir of salvation through Christ "our elder brother" will not be satisfied with giving less than the Jew, who although highly honoured as God's peculiar people, saw but as through a glass the coming glories of the promised Messiah, and yet gave freely, willing, joyfully towards the support and continuance of the ceremonial dispensation. The recurrence of Sabbath has been specially spoken of by Paul. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him." Cor. 16th, 2. Every one of you, must certainly include those in limited circumstances and we know by various instances that the offerings of the poor are specially acceptable to Christ. "The widow's offering of her all," the widow of Sarepta, the box of ointment all met His commendation. Every Christian is advised and exhorted to lay aside a certain portion every Sabbath for religious purposes, as God has prospered us. This practice persevered in will bring a rich blessing and when we are called upon for aid in any good cause, we will not have to make mean contemptible excuses. Professing Christians cease being a sham and pretence: practice the luxury of saving for and giving to Jesus and you will soon get out of the rut of worldliness, and living for self into the freedom and brotherhood of the early Christian church, where the rich had nothing over and the poor had no lack. From Acts 20th, 17, we find, that the first day of the week, as being the day of our Lord's resurrection, had become the customary day of assembling of the church and by the hallowed associations of the day each member should feel strongly impelled to help in supplying the wants of the needy or less fortunate ones and sending to others the bread and water of life. If this was done in the early dawn of Christianity, when Christ's followers were as a few isolated fishermen, sent on the broad ocean of a world's sin and indifference to catch souls for Christ, not with the words of man's wisdom, not with the pomp and glitter of wealth, but with humble garb and simple speech telling the thrilling story of the Cross, and pointing anxious ones to Jesus, having given up everything to follow the Lamb, what should we do who live in these days, when missions are established and intercourse possible with nearly every portion of the world. "Follow me," Jesus says to the Christian to-day as really as when he called the twelve. "Feed my sheep," "Feed my Lambs." "Lovest thou me." Solemn questions and must have an