

THE DUTY OF GIVING,

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The action had begun. A brick was kept up without intermission by the skirmishers on both sides. In rear of one of the skirmishing lines, a company of Rifle-Acting as support lay flat upon the ground.

This is a true story of the power of a word that stands for a great principle. There is a grander army than any that fights the world's battles against flesh and blood, that wars incessantly for the integrity of a greater monarch's dominions than any who sit upon earthly thrones.

You are not giving as you should for the cause of Christ. As far as the service of the King is concerned, your purse might as well be lying on the ground like the recruit's rifle. You have never fired a shot yet in the good cause, for all your little pretences of giving are so many flashes in the pan.

It is our duty to give, and give liberally for the cause of Christ. It is the duty of every man, woman and child in the church. Under the old Jewish economy, every Israelite, equally with the son of Aaron and the Levite, was made to understand that this was required of him, and to consecrate himself and his substance to God.

Giving from a sense of duty will be conscientious giving, for that sense of duty is the response to God's own voice in the conscience. Mere sentimentalism and low motives will find no place for themselves where it reigns.

But, say what we may concerning the nature of the obligation and the act that discharges it, this remains, in a duty. To all loyal subjects and soldiers of the King of Kings, who are failing in it, comes the exhortation "It is your duty to God and His Church to withdraw a fair proportion of your means from the communciations and business and luxury and every other position in which it is doing nothing for the cause of Christ, and dedicate it to His service."

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REV. JAMES MIDDLEMISS, ELORA. Reprinted, with notes, from the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

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Official Announcements. MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

MONTREAL.—With the Knox Church, Montreal on first Tuesday of May, at 7.30 p.m. LONDON.—At London, on first Tuesday of May, at 7.30 p.m.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES. SIMCOON.—A special meeting of the Presbytery of Simcoo will be held at Barrie Tuesday, May 5th, at 11 a.m.

MONTREAL.—At Montreal, in Presbyterian College, on the 8th day of July next. LONDON.—At London, by adjournment, in 1st Presbyterian Church, on 1st Tuesday in May, at 11 a.m.

TORONTO.—At Toronto, on 1st Tuesday of May, at 11 a.m. ONTARIO.—At Port Perry, on 18th of May, at 11 a.m.

HEBRON.—At Goderich, on the 1st Tuesday of July at 11 a.m. GUELPH.—Next ordinary meeting at Guelph, in Chalmers Church, on 2nd Tuesday of April, at 11 a.m.

MANITOWA.—At Eildonan, on 18th of May, at 10 a.m. STRATFORD.—At Stratford, on 1st Tuesday in July, at 11 a.m.

OWEN SOUND.—At Owen Sound, on Monday after 2nd Sabbath in May, at 10 a.m., by adjournment; next ordinary meeting at same place, on 2nd Tuesday of July, at 10 a.m.

BURTON.—At Ely, on the last Tuesday of June, at 2 p.m. DURHAM.—At Durham, on last Tuesday of July at 11 a.m.

SIMCOON.—At Barrie, on Tuesday 7th of July, at 11 a.m. PARIS.—In Dumfries street Church, Paris, on Monday 14th April, at 11 a.m.

HAMILTON.—At Hamilton, in the Central Church, on the 2nd Tuesday of April, at 11 a.m. HAMILTON.—The next meeting in ordinary of the Hamilton Central Church, Hamilton, on the 2nd Tuesday of July, at 11 a.m.

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