

Is the niggardly heart of any *earth-worm* saying, what shall I do? Where shall I bestow my goods? I answer, put them out to interest, under the direction of inspired truth. Give a due proportion to the Lord, to the church, and to the poor, and they will pay you far better interest than you will ever obtain elsewhere. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." No man can eventually be injured by what he either gives or loses in the cause of God, of truth, and of righteousness. Hear the testimony of Christ, then, covetous soul, and let go thy fond grasp of those perishable riches; they are best used when used for God. "We have left all," said Peter, "and followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house or brethren, or sister, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

We call upon those who are making haste to be rich to attend to the claim which God makes upon them for providing, upholding, and keeping in a good state, the houses of God in our province: remembering what he said to his ancient people, "Bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

We call upon you, rich Christians, to provide for the Ministers of the Christian Sanctuary, and the administration of divine ordinances. Thus God addressed the ancient Jews:—"Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." The law of tithes departed with the old dispensation, and now God claims, and expects your free-will offerings. There is a new law, but it is equally appropriate and equally binding. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"

If the things I have written have any truth in them, if they have the sanction of God's word, what an awful state are they in who have already made haste to be rich, or who are in progress to this end by any of the means which I have been censuring!—Then how awful your state! Your riches are as the spoils of robbers in the estimation of God. They will rust in your hand; they will melt away like wax, or will make to themselves wings and flee away, or, if they abide with thee, you will exhibit the very image of the individual so correctly portrayed by the prophet—"As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not, so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool."

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THE PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON,

At a meeting on the 7th of June last, held at Cobourg, appointed a special meeting for prayer to be held in all the churches under their jurisdiction on the evening of the first Monday of every Month. A minute, explanatory of the nature and objects of this appointment, was drawn up, approved of by the Presbytery, and sent to the different ministers to be read by them to their respective congregations. Since that period these monthly meetings have been established, it is believed in all their churches, are engaged in with much interest by the ministers, and the attendance of the people is very respectable.

The minute read from the pulpits as ordered by the Presbytery is as follows:

"Feeling a deep interest in the progress of pure and undefiled religion in the world at large, and particularly in the congregations under their superintendence, the Presbytery think it highly necessary and becoming that in all their churches, there should be held a special monthly meeting for prayer and supplication to God, that the Holy Spirit may be poured down upon the Pastors, the Elders and the people, that so we may experience a time of spiritual refreshment from the divine presence—and also upon Christians of other denominations towards affecting the removal of ecclesiastical abuses, religious errors and practical ungodliness which may exist either amongst us or them—the illumination and conversion of Heathen, Papal and Mohammedan communities preparatory to the introduction of the latter day of glory. And as there is a great destitution in many parts of this land of religious advantages, the people are rapidly sinking into a state of great spiritual indifference—perishing for lack of knowledge, the young growing up without scriptural instruction, and not a few of them from whom on account of their former privileges and habits, better things might be expected—the Presbytery recommend that these and similar evils should be deprecated in those prayers and supplications which may be presented at the throne of heavenly grace, and the divine blessing earnestly implored upon all the exertions made by our church to promote the cause of the gospel of Christ, both in regular congregations and in the destitute settlements of this country. And the Presbytery further enjoin upon the brethren to labour to impress on the minds of true Christians the duty of engaging in *earnest habitual prayer to God* for accomplishing these results.

It is to be understood that this monthly meeting shall in no way interfere with or supersede other meetings for prayer already established in congregations."

Another meeting of the Presbytery was held also at Cobourg, on the 30th of August last, when the