

THE POOR.

IF there be among you a poor man, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother : But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him ; because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. For the poor shall never cease out of the land : therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land."—*Deut.* xv. 7-11.

So also in the New Testament, our Lord says : "Ye have the poor always with you, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good." And He tells us further that by our willingness or unwillingness to do them good the judgment of the Great Day is determined. *St. Matt.* xxv. 31-45.

Indiscriminate almsgiving is not to "do the poor good." Giving money to get rid of a beggar or to save oneself trouble is not "doing the poor good." True charity seeks out the poor man for the purpose of his relief, or entrusts its alms to those who have the opportunity of knowing who are really deserving of help. In this Parish the relief of the poor is an important part of the work. The chief items of expenditure are for rent, fuel, clothing, and groceries. These are not luxuries, but the barest necessaries of life. The annual amount expended in this way is kept within \$400, which is made up partly by the offertories at early Communion and in Lent, but chiefly by the annual subscription list in October. The collectors will soon be on their rounds. We bespeak for them a hearty welcome and cheerful gifts. Let those whose houses are warm, whose bed is comfortable and table well supplied, think of the poor man in winter, when work is scarce, surrounded by his little family suffering for want of the bare necessaries. Let us not think only, but "do them good," and win a double blessing—the blessing of God, and the blessing of the poor. "When the ear heard me then it blessed me ; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me : because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him."—(*Job* xxix.).

Besides help in money, very much may be done by those who have cast-off clothing. There is always a large demand for clothing for men, women, and children, especially for children's boots. As the Ladies' Sewing Society will now meet every Friday afternoon, bundles of clothing may be sent on that day and put in the South porch of the Church.

CHURCH WORK.

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