

### Fifty Dollars or Fifty Cents.

There is on the borders of the Connecticut a small town, which, though weak and feeble, still with the help of a "Home Missionary Society," supported a Minister, and maintained regular Divine Worship. About the time when it became necessary to pay the Minister's salary, there moved into the place a man who gained his living by carting coal, and by other similar labor. It was noticed that this man was very regular in his attendance at Church, and was never absent from the Prayer Meeting, but from a pecuniary point of view was not considered important. It was the custom, when the salary was due, for one of the Deacons to collect all he could from the people, and then get the balance from the Home Missionary Society. In accordance with this custom, one fine morning, Deacon A., a man of considerable means and considerable penuriousness, started forth, subscription paper in hand, to see how much he could squeeze out of the Parish for the support of the Minister. The first person he met was the above-mentioned coal-carter, moving along the road with a cart load of that material. The Deacon considered within himself that it might be worth while to ask him to contribute, seeing that he was a good sort of person, and every little helps, and so accosted him with, "Good morning, Mr. B., are you willing to give anything toward the support of the pastor?" at the same time handing him a paper. The man stopped, stood thoughtfully for a moment or two, drew a pencil out of his pocket, and with his dirt-begrimed hand he headed the list with the sum of fifty dollars.

The Deacon was so taken by surprise that he could scarcely believe the evidence of his eyes; and thinking the man had made a mistake, and not wishing to take advantage of him, he asked: "Do you mean that for fifty cents?" The coal-carter turned, drew himself up to his full height, and with great earnestness replied, "I do not value the Gospel at fifty cents a year."

The answer placed the case in a new light. The Deacon went immediately to the Pastor, related the incident, and said: "If that man can give fifty dollars I can give five hundred." The

same spirit actuated the rest of the Parish on hearing the story, and in a few days the salary was raised by the people themselves without the necessity of applying for outside aid. — The Lutheran Evangelist.

### To Our Readers.

The attention of our readers is especially called to our advertising columns, which represent some of the best and most reliable houses in Quebec city and elsewhere. We heartily recommend them to our Church people, and urge them, whenever possible, to give them their patronage.

### NOTES.

The Venerable Archdeacon Roe having resigned his Parochial duties on August 1st, his place is being taken at Windsor Mills by the Rev. E. A. W. King and the latter is to be succeeded presently at Melbourne by the Rev. C. T. Lewis, Incumbent of Tweed, in the Diocese of Ontario.

We are glad to be able to announce that the S. P. C. K. with its usual generosity has made a handsome grant of \$1,500 to the Hamilton Memorial Fund on condition that the total expenditure reaches \$15,000.

### DISTRICT NEWS.

#### MALBATE.

The Rev. G. R. Walters writes:— A very suitable new organ, "Bell Cathedral Model," costing \$120, has just been placed in St. Peter's Church, for which our thanks are largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Collas.

During the past winter a few young persons in the Mission held an Entertainment for the above object, realizing some twenty-four dollars. Mrs. G. P. Fauvel gave a worked quilt to be sold by tickets, which