

to say it in : and with my last words I would wish to testify to the goodness of that God who has never deserted me here. Let me tell you once again, that it is my belief and experience that He will never take away aught, which He does not replace with a blessing as great : He took away from me the use of my feet, but He taught me to use my hands ; He took away the use of my eyes, but He gave me resignation ; He took away my hands, but He gave me my voice , and now He taketh my life, only to give me a better. Wife, children, friend, let us sing once more the dear old evening hymn.

With choking voices, which gained strength by his example, we sang the first verse. At the second his voice seemed to grow weaker and weaker, still we kept on, his voice fading, fading gradually, and the children, with difficulty, restraining their sobs. At the close of the last verse his voice died away, and he sank back exhausted on his bed, still, however, motioning us to continue. I saw he was dying, and strove in vain to sing ; his children wept piteously, but still his wife, with tearless eyes, and a voice that seemed to gather strength and sweetness in the struggle, bravely sang on, and the doxology rose loud and high, Suddenly she stopt, with raised finger, and head turned as if listening, " Don't you hear ? " she whispered ; " don't you hear him ? he is singing, singing among the heavenly host."

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### SOME WAYS OF COLLECTING FOR THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

Now that the time of our summer campaign in behalf of the Church Society is at hand, it may not be amiss to offer a few suggestions as to the different ways in which money may be raised for the purposes of the Society.

1. With regard to the sermons, which the clergy are desired to preach twice a year advocating the claims of the Society, we would suggest that in those Churches in which service is held every Sunday the collections should be made on the Sunday following that on which the sermons are preached. This would give the well-disposed time to act on what they have heard, and to lay by, as God has prospered them, for the ensuing Lord's Day.

Wherever the collections fall short of those taken up at the same time last year, let there be additional collections until the deficiency is made up.

2. Where there are alms-boxes in a church it would surely, in the present crisis, be allowable to devote their contents to the general purposes of the Society after giving due notice to the congregation of such an intention. Where there are no alms-boxes, the case is plainer still : let them be at once put up avowedly in behalf of the Church Society.

3. In almost any mission the clergyman, or the church collector, would find ten or twelve persons willing to assist him by taking money-boxes in which to collect for the Society. These should have locks and the clergyman should keep the keys.

On a stated day, say the first Monday in each month, all those holding boxes should bring them to the clergyman who would open them in their presence, giving each collector a receipt for the amount contained in his box. Where there are no available funds for the purchase of such boxes, let them be paid for out of the first money collected in them.

4. Another way of raising funds, which the writer of this article has himself tried with success, is to enlist the services of the elder girls in the parish as col-