

investment," was the cheerful comment I heard.

Do you believe that the spiritual blessing would more than repay the money given? In Canada as in India every sowing of grain, whether it be wheat or rice, is an act of faith. If the husbandman had serious doubts of a harvest of some kind, he would keep the grain for food instead of sowing it "to die" in the ground. Some people who are in straightened circumstances seem to consider that money given to the Lord's work is dead for them.

(b) One young woman with a salary of \$2000 a year gave \$1300.00 for Foreign Missions. You may say: "She could not keep that up!" No—because she has given up that \$2000 salary (with its rising scale) for service on the foreign field with \$700 as the maintenance allowance.

(c) Another upon graduation from the University of Toronto had an unexpected offer of a position with an initial salary of \$1500.00; but went to India where the amount set for support was about \$600.

These are only samples. Missionaries and others whose power to give silver and gold is stayed, because of the service they are giving should inspire us to larger measure.

"Money is Coined Life."

Both the money and the life have been yielded to this work. Are there not some here who could help to balance that account by a serious decision to become partners, playing for another as a part of **your** life? That does not necessarily mean that "your missionary" will know you, but your regular contribution might cover a salary or a part of one.

There is room for every gift of love whether it be counted as a few cents or in hundreds of dollars, whether it be a special offering or for the regular work. Let us encourage one another by every instance which shows an increase in the grace of giving; happy faces help to spread the contagion; a contagion which brings only blessing.

"Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord; and David the King also rejoiced with great joy." (1 Chron. 29:9).

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35).

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A Spiritual Crisis. Isa. 6:1-8.

In this portion of Scripture we have an account of a spiritual crisis, and, as we look over the record, we see—amongst other things—six stepping stones which led to the culmination of spiritual experience and expression.

LOSS—

In the first verse of the chapter we read, "King Uzziah died." Just how much this loss meant to Isaiah, we are not told, but it was of sufficient moment to be recorded in this great account of Isaiah's spiritual crisis.

Someone has said that Isaiah found himself stripped—when Uzziah—his hero died. His earthly king, his earthly controller, slipped from view and was gone, and there was loss.

How we all shrink from loss, individually and collectively!

As a rule, loss has one of two effects on people.

Loss turns some to bitterness and the heart becomes hardened and rebellious.

There are others though, who—through a loss—turn to the Lord. Thus it was with Isaiah, he looked to the Lord and that brought him to his second stepping stone.

VISION. He saw the Lord, in His Majesty, His Glory, His Holiness, His Power. He saw Him, before whom the seraphim must veil their faces. But that was not all, for this was a twofold vision. He saw the Lord and he also saw *himself*, and was led to the third step.

HUMILITY. This brought the cry from his heart, "Woe is me."

Isaiah was not a man living in open sin, or unmindful of his God; he was a prophet of the Lord in public ministry—and it is always hard for those engaged in sacred service to be brought to a conviction of further and deeper spiritual need.

Yes, Isaiah—the prophet of God—cried, "Woe is me," and with this humility came