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Israel's "Heaps."

Once when the children of Israel brought their tithes--the "holy things which were consecrated unto the Lord their God" --it is said that they "laid them by heaps." For several months they went on adding to these heaps, until one day, when the king and princes came in and saw what had been thus gathered, "they blessed the Lord and His people." They were then told that "since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty; for the Lord hath blessed His people; and that which is left is this great store."

Is it not ever so? Have you ever given anything to the Lord "holy things, consecrated" by prayer, a true tithing of your possessions, without having "enough left," and being surprised yourself at the blessing which seemed to follow your gift? And you would probably also wonder at the "heap" that your many small offerings would make if laid together.

You have perhaps given to the Master's work what you could and as you gave it, made it sacred by the prayer that went with it; and then have thought within yourself that after all it was not much, that it was hardly worth giving, it could do so little towards advancing Christ's Kingdom on earth. Still year after year your holy offering has been laid upon the altar, and the blessing of God has been upon you. You have still had "enough" for your needs, although self denial has sometimes