

held. We have in this Eastern Association about 3,500 members. Suppose now, that for purely benevolent purposes, i. e., objects outside of our own congregations, Missions, College, &c., &c., one thousand members were to give twenty cents per week, that is \$200; one thousand to give ten cents per week, that is \$100; one thousand to give five cents per week, that is \$50; five hundred to give two cents per week, that is \$10. Three hundred and sixty dollars [\$360], would thus be raised in a single week, making \$18,720 raised by the Association for benevolent purposes in a college year. This seemingly great sum is nothing more than we may fairly demand from ourselves, and would involve no sacrifice on our part. Our College, Missions, and other objects would thus be amply provided for.

Is this but a dream? and shall it remain a mere scheme on paper. Let every pastor urge upon his members the necessity of system in giving, and let heads of families try the experiment for the coming year. "The world lieth in the arms of the wicked one," and it is to be won to Christ, not only by our prayers and tears, but also by our dollars and cents. The world will yet be the Lord's; let not the glorious consummation be delayed by the lack of systematic energy on the part of the Lord's people. We will close this part of our subject by the pertinent inquiry, "How much owest thou to my Lord?"

Third, *We must have more individual effort.* Ministers cannot do everything. If we are to advance,—nay, if we are to hold our own,—the young people must be trained to work. Let it be every where inculcated that every Baptist is expected to take a share in church labor. The great argument for the Resurrection is closed up by an exhortation to universal diligence: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, *always abounding in the work of the Lord*, forasmuch as ye know that *your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*"

Lastly, Let us have *more holy living.* The image of Jesus should be seen in his followers. If "Christ is in us the hope of glory," we should live differently from those who make no such profession. We are to "walk uprightly, and work righteousness," to "present our bodies a living sacrifice," to be "not conformed to this world," to "abhor that which is evil," to put away from us "all bitterness, and