

salary.' And so said Preacher —, who also came over. 'Well, then,' I said, 'do you think that it will do for me to lay it before the brethren?' 'Yes,' they replied, 'it is the best thing you can do.' So I prepared myself and preached to the people on the next Sabbath. The Lord blessed his own word. They accepted it. When we made a rough estimate it appeared that their *tenths* would amount to more than my entire salary! 'Why, how is this?' they all said; 'it was so hard before, but now it comes very easy, and is truly pleasant.'

"To show you how God blessed that little flock, I mention one case. One of the brethren had a vegetable garden, which the Turkish official had estimated at 900 piastres, taxing him 90 piastres. Others said it was too much; it would not produce that amount. But mark the fulfilment of the promise in Malachi iii. 10. That brother sold 3000 piastres' worth of vegetables, besides what was eaten by a household of thirty-two persons, and given away, amounting to full 3000 more. Others were also blessed, and all acknowledged that they had never known a year of such prosperity. The people not only supported their preacher and school-teacher, but also paid over 2000 piastres for other purposes."

The preacher was about to close his discourse when a member of the congregation arose and asked permission to say a few words. "I have learned," he said, "from one of the missionaries, another truth which has great weight in this giving of one-tenth of our income to the Lord. Under the old dispensation, the Jews were only required to care for their own nation, but under the new dispensation the command is, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature!' Therefore a *tenth* is not enough for Christians to give." To this the preacher responded: "A *tenth* is the *very least* that a disciple of Christ can give. Over and above that, he should give as God prospers him." "And now," he added, "let us seek the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we, and all our offerings, may find acceptance before God."

Miss West adds:—it was worth much to see and hear one who had been so evidently taught of the Spirit, and made the honoured instrument of laying a new foundation-stone for the building of Christ's church throughout the world! For the new ray of light that dawned in that obscure village of Armenia, two years since, has begun to radiate from many distant points, and we believe that it will solve the problem of the support of Christian institutions in all lands, and hasten the day when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God. Well may every worker in foreign lands say, with Jesus: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."—*Abridged from the Missionary Herald of the American Board of Foreign Missions.*

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