

I have learned a new secret, that in giving to others, I am made rich myself." "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "I expect to pass through the world but once; if therefore, there can be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again and time passed never returns." Let us give cheerfully therefore as God prospers us, and see the effect of our free will gifts, in His blessing on our means. Salvation is the free gift of God, and received by us through faith in Jesus Christ who brought life and immortality to light in the Gospel. It is the special privilege of Christians to be allowed to spread the glorious message "Peace on earth good will towards men," and by their walk and conversation, "let their light so shine that others taking knowledge of them may glorify their Father in Heaven." What an honour. To every creature God has given some work, suited to their powers and worthy of them. Man has the improvement of his mental powers, the task of self-cultivation and the raising himself step by step from a lower to a higher degree of excellence, no matter in what walk of life he may be engaged, and to Christians God has entrusted the recovery of the human race; from folly, sin and carelessness to the knowledge of the only true God and Jesus whom He has sent. Loving the Lord with all our heart, strength, mind, soul; and our neighbour as ourselves should be, but is not universally cherished. God has given an example of his intense love of man, in giving His son Jesus Christ, to die for us, and having given Him will certainly not withhold any good thing from those who love Him. Let us therefore put our love to Him beyond dispute. Do not be so worldly, so stingy, so careless, so cold, what after all do your gifts to God amount to, in nine cases out of ten, not an hundredth part of what you should give or what you spend on selfishness. "God is not mocked," what you sow you will surely reap and the harvest home will be a time of agony and remorse to many a soul whose aspirations after God have not been listened to, and whose possessor has turned the poor and needy from the door and spoken words of cruel cutting scorn to the erring one who has perchance been waiting for a kind word. Give love, and pure disinterested charity will be there. No matter how large your weekly subscription or donation may be, no matter though it embraces half your goods, no matter though you rise early to do good to others and visit the sick the fatherless and the widow, once more I repeat till you do all this and anything else from love to God, your offerings are of no good in His sight, with whom you