

say, Wherein have we robbed Thee?' 'In tithes and offerings ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.' My brethren, it is a very solemn warning, and one to which we have need to take heed. There can be no doubt that the generality of our people in this country have not yet risen to anything like due appreciation of their bounden duty to God in this matter. He does and will require at his people's hands a real and appreciable return of the blessings with which He blesses them—a tenth is certainly none too much to regard as a due—and if they stubbornly refuse to give to Him His dues, and think that by hoarding or reinvesting what they do not absolutely need they can heap up riches for themselves, He will shew them that He can fulfil His word and smite their increase with a curse. Men are too much accustomed to think that all their offerings, however small, are free gifts that of necessity must redound to their account in the sight of God. It is a far truer view to consider that we have dues first to be paid, as owing to God of His right (that is a certain proportion of that wherewith He blesses us), and then over and above those dues we may begin to offer Him free-will gifts. Shall we not rather, brethren, try God's gracious promises, spoken by that same prophet, by an open handed liberality, than risk incurring His curse by niggardness.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now therewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you

out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. . . . And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightful-some land, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Mission Work and Parcels.

Report and Account of the Lady Correspondent in the Diocese.

Miss Boyce who receives and distributes under the general direction of the Bishop, the various parcels of clothing, Church work, &c., that are sent out from England for sale and for distribution in the Diocese, makes the following report of the work of the year ending September, 1891:

There have been received—

Three cases of clothing, &c., for general use in Diocese, per Miss Mountain, October, 1890, and January and May, 1891; two parcels of woollen articles from Mrs. Croke, Rowden; and a bale of toys and bazaar articles from Miss Hall, Ludlow.

These contained the following for special persons or parishes:

Antependiums for pulpit and lectern for pro-Cathedral, from Mrs. Wasbrough.

Crimson pulpit antependium from Rev. Digby Ram, and crimson frontal and super-frontal, from Miss Hall, for the Bishop.

White alms bags for Cannington, and white silk burse and veil for Fort Pelly, from Miss Baird.

Books for S. Peter's Sunday School, from Mrs. Knight.

Two crimson stoles for Diocese, from Miss Hamilton.

Five pairs white book markers (secondhand), from Miss Taylor.