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In these calculations I have reckoned per family, and have, therefore, not taken into account divisions and other changes that have taken place either in Presbyteries or Congregations—as these changes do not affect the number of families included in the whole. The Scheme has not been long enough in operation to manifest its superiority; but in another five years the difference in the results will be much more apparent, and astonishing. It must prove more efficient, and satisfactory—because it is so much more consistent with the Scripture doctrine of Liberality—and affords better opportunity for fulfilling the condition of acceptable giving. The amount dedicated should be graduated by some rule—many hold that the *tithe* is still binding. But whether we admit this as the proportion or not, the principle still remains: “Every man shall give as he is able or as God has prospered him.” (2) What is devoted should be made an “offering” unto the Lord—brought to the place of worship, and given as a part, a mode, or an act of worship. (3) It should be given with a “willing heart”; “for God loveth a cheerful given.” (4) It should be presented with professions of indebtedness and gratitude to God, and prayers for His blessing. By way of application I would only say: let all our congregations adopt the plan of weekly offerings without unnecessary delay, “Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, 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.”

REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

Glad tidings of religious life and work continue to come from Scotland. The churches are refreshed and edified, and multitudes are added to the ranks of professing Christians. Throughout the Protestant districts of Ireland, and especially

in Belfast and Dublin, there is a remarkable awakening in connection with the services of Messrs. Moody and Sankey. We have not space in our present issue to give particulars; but we hope to return to the delightful theme in our next issue.

We rejoice to say that we can point to to “times of refreshing” nearer home. Our brethren in P. E. Island continue to share the divine blessing in a larger measure than usual. In Montreal, during the Evangelical Conference, and for a week afterwards, Rev. Henry Varley of London, held special meetings which were well attended and excited a warm interest. Mr. Varley has more recently held meetings in Toronto which have been very largely attended. The whole community seems to be deeply stirred. Saints are revived, and sinners constrained to cry out “What shall we do to be saved?”

A few weeks ago Rev. A. B. Earle, a well known Evangelist from the United States, spent a week at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. His meetings were largely blessed and have been followed by the most cheering results. Large additions have been made to the churches. Mr. Earle visited Halifax, and here too, his labours resulted in good. Meetings were held in nearly all the churches that were open to him; and immense gatherings took place in the Rink. We seldom witnessed so much interest in religious matters in Halifax. Since Mr. Earle’s departure extra meetings have been held in nearly all the churches. Anxious inquirers are increasing in numbers, and good is being done. One of the most delightful features of these meetings was the cordial unanimity with which Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, &c., worked together. There appeared to be no trace of sectarian jealousy, suspicion, or fear.

From different Sections of Canada and of the United States tidings come of more than usual life and interest in matters relating to the Kingdom of Christ. There are hopeful symptoms of a general revival of religion. Now is the time for every Christian, for every sinner, to plead with God that He would pour out His Spirit