

In the Annual Reports for some years past, reference has been made to the necessity for an increased liberality in the Sabbath collections, and the present Board take the liberty of again referring to the subject, and the special attention of the congregation is most respectfully called to these remarks :

It has been observed by the Managers that the collections received from the congregation on an attendance of from 500 to 600 persons are made up somewhat as follows :

About 250 persons give one cent each.....	\$ 2.50
" 250 " " five cents "	12.50
" 25 " " ten " "	2.50
" 10 " " 25 " "	2.50

When it is considered that as a rule the same individuals contribute at the same rate all the year round, it will be seen how little is done by a large portion of the congregation to make up the revenue. The habit of getting children to contribute to the collections even though in such small sums as one cent each is certainly proper and praiseworthy, nor are we to despise such offerings from the poor who generously give all they can afford. But it is simply surprising that grown-up people who can afford better, and particularly heads of families, should think of offering one cent pieces for sustaining Gospel ordinances. It may safely be said that no other object under the sun is left to be satisfied with the payment of a copper. In the ordinary daily expenditure incident to the social habits of the age, how freely are half-dimes, dimes and larger coin paid out and that without a murmur! The Church alone enjoys the unenviable distinction of being considered well enough sustained by copper contributions.

The Managers do not for a moment suggest that these remarks apply exceptionally to this congregation. On the contrary, they point with pride to the fact that no other Pro-

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