

as Dr. Watts, Richard Baxter, John Wesley and others in times before our own, that Almighty God still requires that we should honour Him with at least the Tenth of all our income, and that not till after we have done that, does the Christian Duty of Almsgiving begin. What, then, are we Church people, we Communicants, doing in this matter? Simply neglecting our duty. And what are the results? Churches un-built or only half built; Education largely in the hands of the irreligious, or anti-religious; charitable institutions languishing; Foreign and Domestic Mission Work almost at a stand still, and not half the world even nominally Christian.

How different would the case be were the law of the Tenth fulfilled, even by the Communicants of the Church, what progress might be hoped for in the work of Church, what comforts might be provided for the sick, what relief for the poor and needy, what large sums could be devoted to Education, and to the Mission Field. The prospect is so bright and full of promise that some one who has not yet learned to obey this law of the Tenth, may be inclined to say "Well I wish I could feel, that I at least were doing my part, but with my many expenses I really cannot afford to give away 50 cts. out of every \$5 I receive. Stop a moment. Are you quite sure that your income will always remain at its present level? may not sickness, or bad times, or some other cause, over which you have no control, reduce your income by ten per cent or even more? such things are happening every day. Arrange your expenditure now as you would have to do then, and the problem is solved. To do this will doubtless involve some, perhaps much, self-sacrifice; but only thus does your offering acquire any value in the sight of God. The key to the whole situation is Faith and consequent Obedience.

If the command is from God, and who can really doubt that it is so, depend upon it that He, who gives the command, will give also the power to obey as much to us now as of old to the paralytic man to whom he said, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk."

It may encourage some, in entering on the path of simple obedience, to remember that the widow's barrel of meal wasted not, neither did her cruse of oil fail, while she shared them with the prophet of God. They may call to mind also the Psalmist's experience recorded at the end of a long life: "I have been young, and now am old; yet saw I never the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging their bread"; and the Wise Man's proverb: "There is that scat-

tereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

POETRY.

The Soul's Victory.

One moment here, and then away to God,
Leaving, all blank, the path on earth we trod;
Yet not unmarked, for lo! our foot-prints there,
To others tell how we life's burden bare

When we had light we scarcely left a mark.
But we sank deeply toiling through the dark
Of sin and sorrow, for we were but men,
And though forgiven oft, yet fell again.

Almost despairing, still we struggled on,
We prayed and cried for help, till hope was
gone;

Our faith was weak, and sorely it was tried,
And, in our anguish, we would fain have died.

Then One came silently, lifted our heavy load,
Showed us the Light divine, guided us on our
road,
Led by that loving hand we safely trod the way
That winds through earth's dark valley to the
Heavenly day.

Nearer and nearer to the Throne we drew,
Heeding naught else, if we might but be true,
Our struggle ended now, our sad strife o'er,
We calmly rest on the Eternal Shore.

DOROTHY FORSTER.

Female Orphan Asylum.

The 65th annual meeting of the Church of England Female Orphan Asylum was held on Monday, March 5th.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided. There were present the Dean of Quebec, the Rev. Canon Richardson, the Rev. A. J. Balfour, Rev. F. B. Norrie, Rev. H. Petry, Rev. Lennox Williams, Mr. Parmelee, Mr. Wm. Wurtele, and a number of friends of the institution. After the opening prayers, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the past year were read.

A most interesting address was given by the Lord Bishop; and the Dean, Rev. A. J. Balfour and the Rev. Lennox Williams also spoke most kindly to the children. The boys from the Male Orphan Asylum were present and remained for the "tea" provided for all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

On this the 65th anniversary of the institution the Committee are thankful to be able to report a happy, prosperous year. The children have all enjoyed good health, and their numbers have been increased by the admission of five new companions, who all seem happy and contented in their new home.