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To

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whose interest in this book has been steadily maintained from the moment of its inception to the time of completion, this treatise is dedicated as an affectionate token of personal regard

One-tenth of ripened grain
One-tenth of tree and vine,
One-tenth of all the yield
From ten-tenths' rain or shine.

One-tenth of lowing herds
That browse on hill and plain,
One-tenth of bleating flocks
For ten-tenths' shine and rain.

One-tenth of all increase
From counting room and mart,
One-tenth that science yields,
One-tenth of every art.

One-tenth of loom and press,
One-tenth of mill and mine,
One-tenth of every craft
Wrought out by gifts of Thine.

One-tenth of glowing words
That glowing dollars hold,
One-tenth of written thoughts
That turn to shining gold.

One-tenth I and dost Thou, Lord,
But ask this meagre loan,
When all the earth is Thine,
And all we have Thine own?

—*The Churchman.*

Foreword

IN the months of 1909-12 the author of this treatise became interested in the subject of tithing, being led or rather forced up to the theme by what he had witnessed in the present very unsatisfactory outcome of the work of financing the average church. As Bishop Bashford has said, the coffers of the Church are largely empty because we have demanded of every Christian one-seventh at least of his time without demanding also at least one-tenth of his money. A protracted and searching examination of the whole question involved has convinced the author that the only financial plan God ever devised for man is still in force just as the Sabbath law is in force; and because the things he has found have been very helpful to himself both materially and spiritually, he passes them on to others, who, like him, may be both searching for truth and looking for help. There is no statement made anywhere in the book that is not backed up by the highest authority. The writer secured a copy of the "History of Tithes" by John Selken (he of the "Table Talk") published in England in 1618, and which so excited the wrath of James I that he suppressed the whole of the first edition.

A few copies, however, escaped his vigilance, one

of which has furnished important material for portions of the present work. Incidentally, let me remark that the royal anger was excited because in Selden's book James I found a fresh attack by a new line of approach, on the hoary doctrine of "the divine right of kings." Selden pointed out the idea in this extended work that God requires of His children tithes, just as He requires the Sabbath ; and further he shows that obedience to both laws is posited on the free and voluntary action of His children, rather than upon iron-bound legal requirements.

A fact very striking in view of what it implies is found in this, that the literature of the subject of tithing is so scanty. The material is scattered in the encyclopedias, in the commentaries on the Bible, in the writings of the Fathers, in the works of ancient, mediæval and modern Rabbins, in the classical writers, and in the Bible itself. In fact it may be doubted whether the material in the Scriptures has ever been thoroughly and conscientiously gathered up, unless it has been in the instance of men like Selden and his ilk, who locked up all they had to say in Latin, elegant in diction and sonorous in its periods, but inaccessible to the average layman. Selden's work is about half in English, the other half in Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Anglo-Saxon ; and to make much headway in even reading his book, one would need to be the lawyer Selden was, and study him with a learning as great as his own. The Mosaic system is vast in its rami-