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To many of our readers, the title of this article will be unintelligible ; but not to the Home Missionary pastors, who depend so much upon the prompt remittance of the grants of the Society, every three months, and whom the General Secretary-Treasurer has so financed for many years as not to disappoint. That officer has not sent us, either officially or privately, any recent intimation as to the state of the treasury. But we know that the year began with a large balance on the wrong side ; and we have been led to fear, from the reports of Missionary Meetings published in our pages of late, that funds might not be as freely and promptly forthcoming as the case required. Evidently, the change from winter to fall, as the season for holding Missionary Meetings, was made too abruptly, and had better have been spread over a year or two more, and have been effected by degrees. Collectors were not ready before the meetings, and we know not how thoroughly they have done their work since. Then came the " financial stringency," which so severely affected the mercantile community throughout the Provinces, and we all know how benevolent objects fare in such circumstances. We think it, therefore, not amiss, entirely of our own motion, to " stir up by way of remembrance the pure minds " of pastors, deacons, collectors and subscribers, to see to it that this good cause suffer no loss, and that no missionary be tormented during the dead of winter, by any deficiency or delay. Notwithstanding the remarkable straitness of the money market, the country is enjoying great general prosperity. And we would specially appeal to our farmer friends, who reap the benefit of high prices and improved communications, that they give as the Lord hath prospered them. So let mechanics with increasing wages, merchants and professional men whose income and property are steadily advancing, freely consecrate their tithe to the Giver of all.

But after all, it is a small thing to plead for,—merely that our present operations be maintained. We want to see more aggressive work undertaken. A Christian, a church, or a denomination, can live only as they grow. With the widening of our national borders, the pouring in of thousands of emigrants, the opening up of the backwoods and prairies on the north, east and west, and the energy put forth by other Christian bodies, let the Congregational churches of Canada