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Systematic Beneficence.

THE General Assembly at its meeting in Winnipeg, in June, passed the following resolution: "Whereas there is urgent need of greater liberality throughout the Church, in order to the development of the several schemes of the Church, and even to the maintenance of the degree of efficiency already attained; whereas it is the duty and privilege of all Christian people to contribute towards the support and extension of the Kingdom of Christ, as the Lord shall prosper them; whereas, we who enjoy the superior privileges of the new dispensation, and upon whom the responsibility of carrying the message of salvation to the whole world is definitely laid, should not, at least, fall beneath the standard of giving for the Lord's cause prescribed for the Jewish Economy; and whereas, notwithstanding the gratifying increase of contributions which we witness from year to year, the duty of adequate and systematic liberality is as yet imperfectly realized:—The General Assembly appoints a committee on the subject of Systematic Beneficence, for the purpose of bringing through the Press and otherwise, the important subject, herein referred to, earnestly and fully before the whole Church, with the view of promoting, on sound and Christian principles, the

heartfelt and continuous growth of liberality in connection with every department of the Church's work. Presbyteries and Sessions are requested to co-operate with the committee as they shall have opportunity, and especially to assist them in gaining the ear, if possible, of all the congregations and families of the church."

It is universally admitted that the subject entrusted to this committee is of the utmost importance, and much attention is being given to it by almost every section of the Christian Church. There are two great reasons, at least, why it should be so.

1. As the above resolution declares, the obligation is laid upon the church to do its utmost in extending the Kingdom of God: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The conviction has become very strong in the present day, that we have been remiss in obeying our Lord's command, and that we must now seek in earnest to do the work which has been committed to us. The wonderful providential opening of all lands to the Gospel, and the quickening of religious life in many quarters, are making the sense of the church's duty imperative and urgent. No one who is really a disciple of Christ can shut his ears to the cry for help which comes from a perishing world. But the entire work of the church, home and foreign, is really one; and unless our home work is