

much feared that for us to apply their funds for aggressive work, will only reproduce the old troubles, and thus perpetuate "the winter of our discontent." It is impossible for us to promise, either to ourselves or to the Colonial Society, that the new stations we take up, will grow into self-sustaining churches within the prescribed term of five years. Thus the minds of brethren will be kept in a state of anxiety and turmoil, unfitting them for their work, and perpetuating one great source of our present weakness. For we must not lose sight of the fact, that our ministers, inferior to no other body in the Province, have been unfitted for effective labour from a consciousness that their work was not appreciated, and that they had not the confidence and sympathy of the Parent Society. A grumbling employer never yet found willing and effective helpers.

Let the brethren employed in missionary work be assured of the full sympathy and confidence of the society they serve, and then you may expect cheerful, willing and successful labours, then their energies are kept elastic, difficulties will be surmounted, privations will be borne, and they will feel themselves fitted for the work they have assumed. Would we succeed in making one stand more firmly in the country, let us turn over a new leaf of instructions. Instead of addressing brethren bearing the heat and burden of the day, in a tone querulous and with little of heart and sympathy, let us rather address them in the frank, and loving, and inspiring language of the Apostle to his Corinthian brethren, "I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things." Then instead of the elongated countenances, drooping spirits and hung down heads, producing a depressing and weakening influence to the remotest member of the body,

"Our cheerful song shall oftener be,
Hear what the Lord hath done for me."

There are many of our people taking heart and devising liberal things in the prospect of the movement indicated, and let us throw ourselves with confidence upon their sympathies and aid; and above all let us abide under the shadow of the Almighty and with strong faith in our Divine Lord, who is "Always with us—

With us when we toil in sadness,
Sowing much and reaping none;
Telling us that in the future
Golden harvests shall be won."

PIONEER.

MINISTERIAL BEE-KEEPING.

DEAR BROTHER,—I have received a very gratifying letter from a generous friend in Montreal, who is desirous of encouraging and helping our missionary pastors toward bee-keeping. He strictly enjoins that I do not publish his name, but with that omitted I am at liberty to lay the communication before your readers. It is as follows:

"Montreal, April 4, 1866.

"Rev. W. F. Clarke.

"Dear Sir,—I was very much pleased with your article on "Missionary Expendents," and the proposition to keep bees. I dare say that even four dollars would be an obstacle to many a good man who might desire to commence after reading your article, and I therefore now enclose you \$20 (twenty dollars) which you may lend to such ministers of the Congregational body as may be desirous