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Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.—*Peter.* On this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.—*The Lord Messiah.*

## STATE OF THE CAUSE—REMEDY—A PREACHER'S LOT.

BROTHER EATON—I am of opinion that the brethren of the two Provinces adhering to the Ancient Gospel, might adopt some judicious measure for the further advancement of Bible Truth. Suppose that each Congregation in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, should adopt the plan of raising a Fund—a real free-will offering. Let this money be called the Missionary Fund, and be entirely devoted to the cause of truth; that is, for the dissemination of the ancient gospel. Let this fund be deposited in the hands of such persons as the Congregation shall judge most suitable. In this performance of liberality, for the advancement of truth and piety, every one should be governed by a real principle of duty; that is, each member might reasonably ask himself, how *much* is it my duty to give for the propagation of the ancient gospel, &c. Whatever therefore, is the real duty of any one to give, he ought to make it an established point to pay, without fail, and that too at the time proposed. Perhaps there is not a member in any one Congregation in either Province but that could pay One Shilling a year, some others One Shilling and Three Pence, and others Two Shillings and Sixpence. And very likely there are a number that are able and willing to give from Five Shillings to Ten Shillings a year. In fact it appears quite reasonable to me, that the Congregations in the two Provinces, with Prince Edward Island, could raise the sum of One Hundred Pounds: that would keep *two efficient proclaimers constantly in the field*, and the truth would advance. But unless some such effective measures are adopted, as I have before stated, it will be morally impossible for the truth to advance. The indifference and apathy that is lurking about a large number of professors, is one of the many impediments that stand in the way of the advancement of the truth. Selfishness is perhaps another hinderance to the progress of truth. The want of holy zeal to engage ardently and energetically in the great and good work of the Lord, is no doubt another obstacle to the spread of gospel liberty. Another prominent feature that stands high among the many barriers to the circulation of gospel light, is a manifold unwillingness to contribute a reasonable portion of their accumulated