

ministry of His Word.

Whether many or few of us shall be called away during the year on which we are entering, we know not. But in any case the time is short. Eternity is near. The judge standeth at the door. Let us gird up our loins, and trim our lamps, and diligently engage in the work of our Lord and Master, that so, at whatever time He may call us, we may be ready, and be enabled to give in our account with joy and not with sorrow.

COLLECTIONS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, THIRD SABBATH IN JANUARY.

By Synodical appointment, the collection for foreign missions falls to be taken up on the third Sabbath in January (the 15th inst.) We are aware that in several of our congregations, missionary associations have been formed, and that in some others one annual appeal is made for missionary objects, at the missionary anniversaries.

In such cases we would bespeak for our foreign missions scheme, the most liberal consideration in the apportionment of their funds. But where such special means for drawing forth the liberality of our people, are not adopted, it is hoped that the annual collection will be taken up on a more general and generous scale than that of any previous year. Let the six hundred dollars, increase of last year, be more than doubled during this, and the three thousand three hundred dollars reported at last synod, not come short of five thousand by next. We shall require it all, and more, if we are vigorously to prosecute that foreign mission work proper, which we have so long contemplated, and to which we now stand fairly committed. The resolution of last October, to break ground in the Indian field, was adopted in faith, and we feel persuaded that our faithful people will set the seal of their approval upon it, by an extra effort. Let the missionary who may go forth in Spring be sustained by their prayers and contributions; and let the tide of their enlarged and enlightened Christian liberality so set in, as that the committee may feel warranted in speedily placing the mission on a more extended and permanent footing. The other departments of our work, renew their claims upon us with undiminished urgency. The faithful labours of Mr. Jamieson, have been attended with as large a measure of success as could be reasonably expected, and the congregation at New Westminster have evinced practically their appreciation of these, by resolving to raise at least one fourth of his salary for the current year. The letter from Mr. Duff, which appears in this number of the "Record," dated from the mines, as well as those published in previous numbers, prove with what self-denial and devotedness he has entered on his distant and difficult field, and how well prepared he is to endure hardships as a "good soldier of Jesus Christ." A winter's sojourn at Cariboo, (which we believe no missionary has yet attempted) will place Mr. Duff on a vantage ground with the people, and will furnish him facilities of which he will not be slow to avail himself of commending to them when idle, and temptations are rife, the treasure hid in the field, which is more to be desired than gold.

The very full and interesting communications which from time to time have