

facts staring me in the face continually, I am importunate in asking for the means to send additional labourers into the field which is already white for harvest?"

Mr. Crompton, a Missionary in Algoma, writes thus, of a district to which he had penetrated: "I found a country with clearings on every hand—clearings telling me of hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of human beings called *Christians*, living, breathing, and dying there without having one opportunity of using the means of Grace! I was told I was the *only* man, as a minister, who had as yet penetrated that part. People by the hundred! I sat down on a stone and wept, wept bitterly. I wept because I felt how utterly unable I was to meet and cope with the work now here spread before me. I wept to think of the carelessness, nay, of the utter indifference to the welfare of their brethren in Christ, by those who call themselves the brethren of Christ."

My brethren, surely here is a call—a call such as probably has scarcely ever been heard before by any Church—to our Church, and to everyone of us its members, to go and help those sheep of her fold that are straying in the distant fields. For remember, it comes to us from our own people, our own brethren in Christ, from those who have therefore undoubtedly the greatest claim on a Christian Church; for, if we are bound to "do good unto all men," we are "especially to do it unto them who are of the household of faith." We know that we have passed from death unto life, "because we love the brethren." And if there are but a few of our brethren in Christ in yonder wilds, driven there by stress of circumstances and by the over-crowding of the straitened home here whose souls have learnt in some of the sanctuaries with which our native land is so thickly studded—thanks chiefly to the piety of our ancestors—to love the assembly of God's people and to find peace and joy in the holy ordinances of our Church, if there are but a few such, I say, who shall look in vain for help in the maintenance of their faith from those who, being so richly endowed with all things here, might help them, yea, supply all their needs, but seem not to care to do so, and they suffer loss because alienated from the Church, or are taken captive of Satan for lack of that sustenance which our Master intended His people to have, surely there must be a terrible reckoning in store in the last great day, yea, even now, for the Church, which through her negligence or lack of zeal left those souls to perish alone uncared for. Precious as all souls are in the sight of Christ, greatly as He yearns that all who as yet know Him not, may be taught of His love, anxiously as He desires those who have the opportunity of knowing Him may be brought to love Him, we cannot doubt for one moment that He loves with a special love those who bear His name, and whom He has numbered among His elect, and who have once by His Spirit been brought to love Him. Do not those