

"Your Committee felt they had no authority to say 'leave all and you will be provided for.' But they leave it with the brethren to say whether or not it is practicable, to modify the present system of employing evangelists, so that those employed could give themselves wholly to the work."

This subject was brought under the notice of the brethren at the annual meeting, but the time was too short for its proper consideration and therefore its discussion was not entered upon. But it is too important to be neglected; and it is now brought into notice for the purpose of bringing out the mind of the brethren.

It is evident that unless laborers can be obtained the churches will discontinue making contributions for their support, and almost equally evident that unless they thus contribute, they will soon cease to feel interested in the missionary enterprise, and will retain but the name of Christian, without the reality. If a method can be discovered by which able workmen can be *constantly* maintained in the field the co-operation will go on with increasing vigor; if not, the prospect is gloomy indeed.

There are among the churches a number of brethren qualified to labor as evangelists, some of whom have been employed and have labored successfully; and on the decision of the present case, depends in a great measure the question as to whether those brethren will still be employed.

The present committee are willing and anxious to carry out the expressed or understood wishes of the brethren. The greatest difficulty they have met hitherto, is the difficulty of obtaining laborers. This has more than once brought them almost to a complete stand, and caused them to pray with more earnestness, 'O Lord, send forth laborers into the harvest' The difficulty has been increased by two considerations, 1st, the understanding that the brother employed is expected to distribute his labors among the churches scattered throughout Canada West, and 2nd, that through some such contingency as the dismemberment of the Provincial Co-operation; its management passing into other hands &c., a devoted and useful evangelist may find himself at the end of "his year," allowed quietly to resume his worldly calling.

It remains with the brethren to say whether or not these difficulties can be removed or lessened. They may think, that to alter the present arrangement, will produce greater difficulties than those sought to be removed. But let them speak out. What is required, is a system of co-operation so efficient and practicable, that it can be vigorously carried out from year to year until the Master shall appear. Some are disposed to do away altogether with the present system and substitute smaller and more manageable co-operations. The present has been voted for another year, at the expiration of which it may, or may not, be discontinued. Much depends on the proper settlement of this subject, and it should occupy the serious attention of all concerned.

Meantime let it be remembered that the question before the brethren