

and that we have been set for the defence of certain great principles of purity, and liberty, and charity, which have much to do with the success of the Gospel by whomsoever preached. Faithfulness to Christ, therefore, requires us to proclaim them wherever we can obtain a hearing; and we fear that it is not the voice of sweet Christian charity, but that of selfishness and stinginess that forbids us to go into any place because the Gospel is already being preached there!

But extension, of course, means *money*, and the question arises, can we increase our Missionary income sufficiently to warrant our breaking new ground? Last year—which we fondly hope may prove to have been exceptionally bad, financially—we were compelled to restrict instead of being able to extend our work. We are convinced, however, that bad as the times have been, our income need not have fallen behind if our people had given more thought to these things, and our plans for raising money had been better laid. We are growing rich. Our churches last year contributed, for all purposes, \$105,777, or \$25,000 more than in any previous year. But we submit that it does not look well that we should have spent that sum all upon *ourselves*! An increase of \$5,000 in Missionary income and \$20,000 in our contributions to “local church objects” would have looked much better. Now let us see if we cannot improve upon it.

Beginning upon the Macedonian plan, let us “*first give our own selves unto the Lord*,” in a hearty renewal of our early vows, and then we shall find it easy to give according to the Macedonian measure, “for to their power, yea, and be-

yond their power,” Paul bears record that “they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift.”

Next, let all people *attend our Missionary anniversaries* and inform themselves in regard to our Canadian work. *The facts* are our best argument. Let the speakers deal largely in facts in their addresses.

Then, we must learn to give, not *the traditional dollar, or fifty cents*, we have given for the last ten years,—not “the same as Mr. A., or Mrs. B.,”—or the small-est amount we can put the collector off with,—but somewhat in proportion to the extent of our means, and of our obligations to the Gospel. We owe to it all we possess, all that distinguishes us from the cannibal or the Hottentot, all we hope for in the world to come; let us gladly confess it by the way in which we contribute to its support.

We must enlist the sympathies of *our young people* more on behalf of our missions. The Methodist Church of Canada raises thousands of dollars annually through their Sabbath Schools and Juvenile collectors. We cannot approve of all their methods in doing so, but we are quite sure that our nearly 10,000 Sabbath Scholars can raise us \$1,000 this year, and will if we ask them.

Now brethren, don't let us hear any more of hard times, or the failure of the crops. The prophet Haggai (chap. i, 5-11,) explains all that to us. Study well his words and learn not only why the Lord chastises us, but how to avoid the recurrence of the evil. “There is that giveth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but