

the earnest, true-hearted, devoted evangelist approved by the Synod, and a work honoring to the Lord will be accomplished. The foundation has been laid perhaps years before by honest pastoral work; the seed has been sown and now the soil needs a little loosening up when it will yield an abundant harvest. It is here the services of an evangelist are necessary—not to work up a revival at his will as some people have supposed, but to assist the pastor whenever he finds tokens of an especial manifestation of the Spirit's presence. The neighboring congregations hearing of this will earnestly pray "Whilst on others thou art calling do not pass us by," and ere they are aware of it the Spirit of prayer and work has overtaken them also, so that like a wave rolling over our land would the Lord of righteousness cause his blessing to pass. It is therefore our humble opinion that the Synodical Evangelist would be a most useful officer in the church, and that the day is not far distant when our desire will be realized.

PICTOU'S LIQUOR WAR.

THE liquor war in Pictou still continues. It is not always easy to clearly define the universal principles underlying moral and social activity. It is, however, not necessary to wait for a perfect knowledge of these things before dealing with great social crimes and most degrading immorality. Whenever any members of society undertake to sacrifice public and private interests to an unworthy and unholy purpose, and thus become the enemies of our country, society has a right, based on Divine principles which permeate the human, to protect itself by stopping all such activity. This may interfere with the individual's freedom—but only in so far as his activity affects society. Pictou is doing nobly. It may be an experiment. All true progress is attained by this method. We don't believe that legislation alone will solve this problem, but the place that determines to maintain right is already grounded in truth which will supply the power necessary to educate and enlighten the people.

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