

apostles called the primitive disciples to perform for them, viz., in accordance with our ability to assist them in the spread of the pure Gospel of Christ; and this a willing sacrifice, not by constraint but of a willing mind. "Behold I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." This proves the Apostles' commission and authority yet valid—to be continued by the labors of the saints in promoting the same cause; such as proclaiming the gospel to every creature, baptizing believing penitents in the name of the Lord Jesus (or by his authority) into Christ, thus admitting the contrite, as the lambs of the flock, into all the privileges of Church society, by organizing them into Churches, and ordaining elders in all such Churches. But it may be objected that every disciple cannot teach the christian religion. "When for the time they ought to be teachers, have need that some teach them again." True; but where is that brother or sister to be found who cannot minister of their carnal things in support of those who may be qualified for such a work? If every brother and sister in these Provinces only, believing and understanding the will of the Lord and the charge committed to their trust in this one particular, would come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty tide of opposition and apostacy, we should be able to keep THREE labourers in the field even at the present time, while there is none as yet settled down among us; and by the faithful labours of three, in one year, we should find the Lord's work more revived in these Provinces than by all the protracted meetings in the land, while we should experience so much of the divine faithfulness of his promises, that we should become strong in the faith, and have our confidence fixed in the Lord's ways.

I propose no new scheme to carry into effect the foregoing propositions, and would only remind the Brethren that all things are perfect in Christ Jesus. Paul has fixed the scheme of Christian co-operation (1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2), "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come." Thus should the Churches, by their deacons, take in on every Lord's day that which we lay by us for this purpose; and so long as there is a willing mind, there will be found in the Church that they who preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel. But as it now is, might not the Lord say of the Gentile Church as he has of the Jewish (Malachi iii. 9), "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (10), "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Moreover, in throwing off the hireling system we may hope to be delivered from the ravages of the *hireling*, who cares more for the fleece than the flock.

I would not be understood to have any design of fostering clerical pride, but as strengthening the uplifted hands of those who would preach the Gospel from city to city, and from house to house, warning every man and teaching every man, in order to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.