

its being their *neighbour*, there dwell, dispersed over the tract of country, bordering on their *States*, and usually designated the Eastern Townships, thousands of native-born New Englanders, or their immediate descendants, who value the Ministry and Institutions of the Gospel, bequeathed them by their sainted Sires, the justly honored *Puritan Fathers*.

To the several Provincial Churches and other kind friends, who have contributed to the funds of the Society, during the past year, the Committee tender their warmest thanks, while at the same time, they cannot refrain from expressing their lively hope that their past offerings are only as the first fruits of a coming and an abundant harvest. Freely we have received ; freely let us give. The zealous efforts of our own Churches will stimulate the Churches in Great Britain and the United States, to help us in the great work to which we are devoted.

A rapidly increasing population is spreading over the wide extent of this new and noble country, which is doubtless destined to become eventually a populous and powerful empire. How vastly important, then, that an Evangelical Ministry, and thoroughly Scriptural Institutions, should be planted *now*, and grow up with its population, entwining themselves around the affections of the people, and throwing their own sacred and happy influences around their families. The destiny of unborn millions will, therefore, be influenced by what the friends of Evangelical truth shall *now* do. Let us then remember our solemn responsibilities ; let us faithfully discharge our high and sacred obligations. And while we are steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, we are cheered and rewarded by the promise, that "*Our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.*"