

My friend, a thorough and hearty Congregationalist, of a Catholic spirit as we all are, or should be—was so impressed with these results that he proceeded to make inquiries where the whole case was fully known. He learned—his informant being a commercial man of no little sagacity, that among Methodists, missionary operations had taken hold to a remarkable extent, of the zeal and energy of *the whole church*—that they were constantly kept before the people; that the people were willing and ready to subscribe and work; adding that this had been the case far more than ever, since they had sent a missionary to Japan. Many were opposed to this, but the result had been the development in a marked degree of the missionary spirit over the whole Canadian field, and a very large and steady increase of income." I may say here that, alas! we have not found it so. In 1874, our missionary, Rev. C. H. Brooks, went to Turkey, and has kept us informed of his movements and work. What have we done towards his support? It is true there is some difference between a mission created by ourselves, and the engagement to support a missionary who will be sent at any rate, and who is to occupy an old field. How far this has influence could be ascertained only by experience.

My friend proceeds, "These results have given rise to much reflection. There must be a cause or causes for all this. In the first place, it cannot, I think, be doubted that there is nothing like the deep interest, and a resulting willingness to work and give, with us, as there is with them. And going back a step further, one cannot but ask—Why is this the case? A large question, not now to be discussed. But it is a question whether our contributors are as systematically attended to throughout the whole field as they might be. There may be room for improvement here, and it should not be difficult with proper organization to have such resources as we can command brought into play.

"Then again, might it not be as well to consider whether we could not conduct all our operations under one organization. There is no difficulty in raising money for our Indian Mission, and, if our way were opened, for a Foreign Mission too, and perhaps one to Manitoba (where we ought to be represented), it is very possible that an interest in our Missions might be developed equal to that which brings out such large results in the Methodist body."

The writer calls attention to the Monthly Missionary Prayer Meetings, as an opportunity for giving, mentioning that in one of our smaller churches, \$2 per month had been contributed, and I know of one of the larger that contributes about \$3 per month, which with the least effort might be doubled. Even if something like this were done in each of our churches in Ontario and Quebec, some \$3,000 might be raised yearly. This would support our Indian Missions, and enable us to occupy some post in Manitoba, leaving the whole amount raised by subscriptions and collection for the development of our Home field, and for a mission to Japan or China.

My friend thus concludes "Our total Missionary income for the two provinces, quite irrespective of aid from England, would then be over \$12,000, that is, provided our people could be induced to give on the scale previously indicated. I may notice before closing, that in both the Methodist Reports, the names of places receiving aid are given, and the amount to each; this is also the case in the Presbyterian Church of Canada. It would, I think, be more satisfactory if this were done in ours."

I have given the substance of this important communication for the purpose of calling immediate and, in our Congregations, universal attention to its statements. I hope all the pastors will see that it is read or heard by all the people. The attention of each person should be called to it, that there may be thought, conversation and suggestion. Apart from what we ought to do in the future, the present is clamorous. Unless there is a very remarkable change within the next two months, our Missionary Society will not be in a situation to fulfil its obligations at the close of the year. There should be a great rallying to its annual meeting at Guelph in June, and a most thorough consideration given to the whole matter. That, however, will be of little avail unless the churches beforehand take up the subject. I am not aware that either individuals or Committees will