

minister. In this way, we are satisfied, the very care taken to keep up the standard of ministerial education has, in cases not a few, tended to lower it.

To meet these evils and others which might be mentioned, some system of Home Evangelization will be required, differing in important elements from any yet before the church. The following points must, we apprehend, enter into any truly effective plan of home missions.

It will make a more thorough separation of the evangelistic and pastoral work—reducing weak pastoral charges, as soon as they become vacant, to mission fields.

It will call forth and employ a sufficient number of preachers, either ordained or *unordained*, to keep up a regular supply in the stations occupied.

It will demand a class, or classes, of men devoted specially to evangelistic labors, and who are not looking for a pastoral charge. It will employ men ordained and unordained, who are missionaries, not because they cannot help it, or because they are willing to endure it, for a season, as a stepping-stone to another sphere of usefulness, but men who love the work for its own sake, and are willing to devote themselves to it.

We are not unconscious of the many practical difficulties in the way of combining successfully the elements at which we have hinted. These elements, however, were united in the Apostolic Church, and we have yet to learn that it is impossible to combine them again. When the church is prepared to accept such a system, we think the details will not be found to present any insuperable difficulties. One thing is too evident—unless we are prepared to leave the poor in many new places without the gospel preached unto them, and abandon to other churches many districts where we have long labored, we must discover some more efficient mode of conducting Home Evangelization.

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[While not committing ourselves to everything in the preceding article, we have inserted it, referring as it does to a very important subject, and presenting some views worthy of consideration.—EDITOR.]

Official Notices.

COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, ON THE THIRD SABBATH IN JANUARY.

We have again to make our annual appeal to our people for the great evangelistic work “in the regions beyond.”

As yet, it is but a limited portion of that work, which, as a church, we have been enabled to overtake. Our first care has been for our own brethren “of the dispersion” who have gone far hence, and who, amid perils of waters and perils of the wilderness, address themselves to our tenderest sympathies.

Since his arrival at New Westminster, the capital of British Columbia Proper, in March last, Mr. Jamieson has faithfully and successfully devoted himself to his arduous enterprize. A few zealous, liberal-minded friends immediately rallied round him, presented him with a cordial congratulatory address, and proceeded to erect a Manse, on which they have expended already \$1300. The