

converting sinners and building up saints. Let us all keep constantly in view, then, the great aims of the church, and we shall be careful not to weaken its power for good by unnecessary absence from its services. None of us should think that it is a matter of little consequence whether we attend or not. All have their place to fill, and it should be always made a matter of conscience with them to do their utmost to fill it. Come yourselves and bring others with you. Let every one be a canvasser for the church.

"Brethren, the time is short: it remaining, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; and they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; and they that use this world, as not abusing it; for the fashion of this world passeth away."

These are significant words of the Apostle Paul, and as, with advancing years, I see more and more of life, I am more deeply impressed with them. We have but one life to live here; let us, therefore, make the most of it. Let us do what we can with our gifts and means and opportunities, since the period in which we can make use of them, for the good of men and the glory of God, is fleeting. We have but one chance. "We brought nothing with us into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

A year ago, I drew attention to the importance of doing something towards relieving the burden of debt resting on the church, amounting to upwards of \$14,000. During the past year an effort was made to provide in part for this indebtedness, and several friends outside the congregation showed their sympathy with the efforts making by our people, and have given liberal subscriptions towards this object. It is part of the plan of the church authorities to pay off a considerable instalment of the debt immediately. This will be a permanent relief to the congregation. But meantime, all are asked to remember that for the present the interest on the \$13,000 has to be provided for as usual. And I would ask all our friends not to "grow weary in well doing; in due season they shall reap, if they faint not." Let all those who claim St. Gabriel's as their church,—all that desire to see it firmly and permanently established,—all that believe it to be an important religious centre in this great city,—all that would therefore wish it to prosper, rally round it, and do each his or her part, however little,—and we shall see better days yet than any we have known in the past.

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace."

Ever your faithful friend and pastor,

ROBERT CAMPBELL.

Montreal, March 30th, 1895.

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