

noble mission. We see to-day the strongholds of superstition and error attacked by the missionaries of Christ's Church, and already trembling to their fall. India, with her two hundred and fifty millions of heathen, begins to feel the mighty stirring of the seed of life planted in her midst by the missionaries of the Church. China and Japan, with more than four hundred millions ignorant of the true God and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent to save the world, have thrown open their long closed doors to receive not only the commerce of Europe and America, but also the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. The feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace are daily pressing further and further into the once trackless deserts of Africa, and the light of Life has already begun to dawn upon the "Dark Continent." The islands of the sea have many of them become already the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ. England's wealth is flowing, in ever richer, fuller stream, into the missionary coffers of the Church. England's colleges are sending some of the best and noblest of her sons to this great work of Missions. Further and further into the regions of spiritual darkness are devoted missionaries carrying the banner of the Cross, and proving to a sceptical world that Christianity is not effete, that the Lord is in His Church indeed, and that His Word will be fulfilled, and His purpose accomplished. And upon all this our Lord and King looketh from His Throne on high, and rejoiceth in the approaching triumph of light and love over darkness and sin.

But, alas! how small a part has the Canadian Church hitherto taken in this glorious warfare! Where are the sons of Canada, sent forth by our Canadian Church to witness before our Master and the world to our faith and love? A few thousands of dollars gathered once a year and sent to the noble English Societies that are working in the Mission field, this is all the interest that the Church in Canada has as yet taken in this greatest of all good works, this highest of all sacred duties. Yes, there are sons and daughters of Canada who are working in these Mission fields for the cause of Christ, but they are not the sons and daughters of the Church of England in Canada.

The total amount contributed through your Board of Foreign Missions by this whole great Ecclesiastical Province of Eastern Canada, between the 1st of August, 1886, and the 14th of September, 1887, was \$10,053, and although we are aware that

this is not all that has been contributed by the Canadian Church to Foreign Mission work, still, even though it were doubled, how small a contribution would it seem for the Dominion of Canada to make to this mighty, this pressing work of Christ's Church.

Other religious bodies around us are sending both men and money into the Foreign field in larger measure than this, and the Canadian Church is quite able to do more for Foreign Missions as well as for Domestic, if only the spirit of zeal and love prompt her so to do. It surely would not be expecting too much from the nine dioceses, containing upwards of eight hundred parishes, in this Ecclesiastical Province, to ask for an average contribution for Foreign Missions of about \$20—or a total of about \$16,000. With such an amount it might be possible to establish a distinctively Canadian Mission.

Brethren, it is of the utmost importance to the Church in Canada that she should rouse herself and take something like her proper position in this matter. We see our Mother Church in England, and our Sister Church in the United States, instinct with a wonderful spiritual life. We find these evidences of life co-ordinate with an active interest in the Foreign Missions of the Church. Internal dissensions are fast fading before the influx of that wider spirit of love which an interest in Foreign Missions necessarily evokes. If the Church in Canada would have her full share of this rich life, and would not be found falling behind her fellow workers for Christ in zeal and love for her Master's work, she must strive more earnestly to fulfil this neglected duty. Let the members of the Canadian Church not disappoint the expectation of their Lord, but give themselves, their prayers, their money, their sons and daughters to the glorious work of winning the world to Christ.

The Church in Canada speaks to her members to-day in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and bids them come to the aid of the Lord. *First, give your money.* To no higher purpose can you devote it, no better use can you make of it. If, in the day of His coming, Christ may be able to say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant,"—if, in return for the money you have given, you shall see souls standing before the Lord, redeemed by the aid of your alms, it will be the richest jewel in your eternal crown. *Give liberally.* Remember it is to the Lord Jesus you are giving;