

Certainly there is room and a loud call for increased liberality to the cause of the Redeemer; but we must not "shame them that have not." Two of the churches named as non-contributors for the College, the writer knows well. He feels sure, were the respected reviewer to visit them, he would be the last to expose them. More than once within the last four years the church at Manilla, aware that the self-denying, devoted brethren, pastors of those churches, were suffering from want of food and clothing, sent to their relief. Their people were struggling to redeem their land, and crops going against them, few, if any, of them could well spare a few dollars in the year, much as they love and esteem their ministers. It appears to me when more favoured churches give in proportion to their ability as much as their poorer brethren are giving, that the treasury of the Lord will be replenished.

Could not a goodly number of those massive gold chains and splendid brooches worn as articles of dress, and not essential to comfort in either cold or hot weather, be handed over to the worthy treasurers of our institutions, who would be glad to cast them into their smelting furnaces and turn them to good account. A richer baptism from on high is needed to make us all more like Jesus, who emptied himself that sinners might be saved. May God grant it.

Yours sincerely,

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WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

DEAR EDITOR,—Some of your readers will welcome a reporter from the recent meeting of the "Western Association," held at London, according to appointment. The first session was in public assembly at the Congregational Church, for Divine worship, on Tuesday evening, the 4th October. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Jonah Reeve, Pastor of the Congregational Church at Stowmarket, Suffolk, England, assisted by the writer. The appointed preacher, Rev. John Wood, delivered an appropriate and quickening discourse on *Christian Charity, its compass and characteristics*, from the words of the Apostle Paul, "The end of the commandment is charity, out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned."

The following morning, from nine to ten, was spent in public devotional exercises, at which we noticed with pleasure the presence of ministers of other denominations. If the Ministers of the Evangelical bodies could realize their responsibility for the wide breaches and uncomely irregularities in the temple of the Lord, arising in great measure from building in the interest of this or that sect, they would more eagerly seek opportunities of prayerful conference together. Our own hearts are sometimes more fettered by the spirit of party than our people's hearts. A true man of God, now gone to his Heavenly rest, who was once a fellow laborer in the ministry, declared that "it would take a whole day to give me his reasons for not being able to join with an Arminian in prayer!"

The subsequent hours of the day were devoted to private sessions, for reading and criticising various papers previously appointed. Much additional interest and profit was imparted to these exercises by brethren occasionally with us from a distance. The Rev. Thomas Lightbody, now occupying a charge in Michigan, was thus present, "for conscience's sake," being up to that time still a member of Association. He contributed his full share, and