

some compensation for this however, that such an expression has been drawn forth of the sentiments of the Colonial Society, as seems to promise that England and British North America may yet work *together* for the common end.

We will assume, then, that it is agreed, on both sides of the Atlantic, that our missionaries must be better supported. But how? By larger grants from the Colonial Society simply? Our brethren "at home" little understand the temper of their emigrated co-religionists, if the thought ever crosses their minds that such is our desire. "Develop local liberality" is a watch-word which we brought with us at the beginning, and which our own manliness and common sense, and the grace of God, will never allow us to forget, even though it be never reiterated by those whom we have left behind.

Yet we are strongly of the opinion that our Missionary Society, backed by the Colonial, should do more than is suggested in the reply of the General Secretary-Treasurer, which appears to leave the initiative with each missionary church. Now, remembering the weakness of many of these bodies, their want of effective leadership, the difficulty of getting a full meeting of their members, and the consequent slowness of their action, must we not supply the necessary impetus from without?

We would have the Missionary Society, in some cases, even offer an increased grant to a church for a time, on condition of their raising two or three times the amount as a clear augmentation of their pastor's salary. In some other cases, it would be quite proper to make the continuance of aid conditional on their doing more themselves, which, indeed, has been done again and again. There must, however, be discretion as well as zeal in carrying out these plans. There is a great deal of human nature in Christian churches, and we may spoil everything by making a hasty rush upon them. We are much more in favour of the "moral suasion" than of the "physical force" method. Among the agencies that may be employed in guiding and informing the less experienced brotherhoods, there is none better than that of energetic, liberal, prudent, and kindly *laymen*. We could lay our hand upon Christian men of business in more than one place, whom it would abundantly pay the Society to send for a twelvemonth on a mission of financial education from church to church, throughout the whole field. We noted, with especial gratification, that the Western District Committee arranged to send such a brother with their annual deputations to the missionary meetings. Let layman talk to layman on this matter, and let not ministers be required to plead their own cause. Such earnest words as those of "A," on another page, would warm many a heart and unloose many a hand. But even where such aid can scarcely be commanded, much may be done by the District Committees, knowing every church as they do, and able to deal with them as friend with friend.

This work requires time. It is being done. It has always been done. It will be done still. Our pages are continually recording instances of the development of—we will not say a more liberal, but—a more just appreciation of the