

rapidly settling west. Our own friends are going thither, brothers, sons, daughters, a population fast spreading out over those new lands, and settling in the starting cities of the vast prairie land, and we but do a work of affection for kindred as well as gratitude to God when we keep our preachers and institutions abreast with their movements in this vast procession of civilization and peaceful Christian conquest. We then but act according to the genius of Methodism and emulate the spirit and example of the Fathers.

The average of a dollar per member from the M. E. Church in Canada would enable the Society to meet all the obligations of the year, and urge the work, with God's blessing, successfully onward. But it must be borne in mind this never can be raised by expecting that a dollar is to come from each member of the Church. Some families in the connexion, were this exacted, would be unduly burdened; but we have members and friends that are able to contribute ten and twenty, and even more, dollars per year--and God help them, they ought to do it, their souls would be blessed in the act. It will be advisable for the preacher in charge of a Circuit to make assessments for his appointments and then entreat the friends as a whole, and the Circuit as a whole, to come up to that measure. Let the rich bear the burdens of the poor, let the liberal bear the burdens of the illiberal and thereby be the more blessed. Let preachers and people unite in this great work of missionary contribution, and the whole Church will be blessed of God, our missions will be sustained, our work advanced, and the Master honored. Let the work begin early, and be prosecuted zealously by every one upon whom any measure of responsibility rests.