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THIS is an age of great religious activity. Societies are being multiplied on every hand for the advancement and extension of the influence of the Church. We do not question the good results obtained, but is there not a danger that Church members may seek to rid themselves of personal responsibility by sheltering themselves under the constitution of a society? Could we not make more use of the men we have ordained? Elders claim equal authority with pastors, and if the honors are equal, is there any division in their responsibility? We have elders and members that are earnest and diligent in the work of the Kingdom of God, but the majority confine themselves to duties that are for the most part trivial. Why should the whole burden be laid upon the minister? Capacity is the only limit of responsibility. The salvation of the world is the responsibility of every member of Christ's Church—ordained and unordained—and the hope of success lies in each one realising the importance of his influence, and being faithful in the work to which God has called him.

Home Mission Notes.

We are glad to note that there has been ready and liberal response upon the part of the C. E. Societies in our Presbytery to the appeal

of the H. M. Board, on behalf of the Home Mission debt, which has now reached the large figure of \$5000.

The following societies have reported that the members have pledged 25 cents per member: Harvey, Fredericton, Oak Mountain, Kirkland, Woodstock, St. George, Chipman, Salmon Creek, Carleton, Waterford, Mechanics' Settlement, Moncton.

Norton Church is to be finished this autumn. Our people in this station deserve the highest praise for their persistent effort.

A new church is to be started shortly in Mechanics' Settlement, Mr. Campbell deserves great praise for his untiring zeal and courage.

Riley Brook is finishing the outside of the church started in the early part of the summer.

Mr. Adams Archibald, is laid down again with fever, at St. Martins, where he has been laboring during the summer. It is gratifying to learn that he is now out of danger and we can but pray that he may be speedily restored to his usual health and strength.

The exterior of our new church at Fort Kent, is finished, and the inside so far along that service can now be held in the new building.

Connors Church will be finished in a few weeks, and it goes without saying that it will be one of the most handsome churches in the country, outside the city.

Our mission in North End is progressing favourably under the ministrations of Mr. Irwin.