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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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NORTH EASTERN CO-OPERATION:

ITS ORIGIN, PROGRESS AND ITS INCIPIENT SUCCESS.

It will, I trust, be interesting to our numerous readers to learn that all the little companies of Christ's disciples from Boston to the Gulph of St. Lawrence, who meet every Lord's day to keep the ordinances of the gospel, have agreed to co-operate to sound out the word of the Lord, as did the disciples anciently to send aid to the poor saints in Judea. This movement has been long in contemplation. We have often despaired of success; but now we rejoice even at the smallest indications of the divine favor.

The Board of the American Christian Missionary Society, a year since, proffered to the brotherhood east through me, *six hundred dollars*, on conditions that the congregations form a co-operation; seek out and appoint, at least three evangelists: raise as much more money as would keep these brethren constantly in the field, and make such arrangements, generally, as should meet the approbation of the Missionary Board.

In April last the congregations were invited, by the brethren at St. John, N. B., to meet them, by letter or messengers, and determine, 1st. Shall we unite for this purpose? 2nd. On what conditions? 3d. What will each congregation give? 4th. How and by whom shall the business of the co-operation be conducted? These questions in substance, if not in form, were propounded, in a written circular addressed to all the congregations, and to many individuals. In some form or other, nearly every circular called forth a prompt, interesting and most affectionate response. Subscriptions, soon, far exceeded our most sanguine anticipations. Some little communities, besides making provision to sustain a minister at their own locality, subscribed *one hundred dollars*. We were greatly encouraged. We had in our eye several brethren of good talents, fair education, and of good speaking abilities, but wholly devoted to teaching literature and science