

Our influence is ever greatest on those with whom we come into contact. Hence the necessity of watchfulness over our *home-life*. Be faithful, gentle, true, loving, devout, if any where, *at home*. A candle sometimes throws its light far off. Distant objects are illuminated by it. But round its own base there is a circle of darkness, a shadow all the more noticeable for the light that shines around it. In this respect be *not* as a candle. Let your light shine most brightly in your own house, among your children, your servants your neighbours.

Our Church must never forget to "begin at Jerusalem." All depends on the faithfulness, the energy, with which we work the home field. God has done great things for us for which we should bless His name.—Let us do what we can for Him. There are in this country, small as it is—there are in these Maritime Provinces, many thousands to whom we are bound to send the word of life—among whom we should set up the standard of our Redeemer. Beginning at Jerusalem, let us send catechists, preachers, pastors to destitute localities wherever souls are perishing for lack of the means of grace, wherever within the bounds of our Church there are moral wastes for which no man cares. We need not tell any one that our Home Mission might safely and most profitably redouble its operations and still leave much undone. Every one knows that this is the truth.

"Beginning at Jerusalem," let us organize our congregations well; let us give them every opportunity to contribute of their substance to the cause of Christ; let us lead them in peace and love to do all they can for Christ; let us cherish our Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meetings; let us do all that our hands find to do for Him, whose love for us knows no limit and whose work for us is of infinite value, Let all be done in the name of Christ and for His sake.

"Beginning at Jerusalem" let us, following the footsteps of Christ and His apostles, *not stop there*. The field is the world. Our home work will prosper all the better if we diligently obey the command, "Go ye into all nations."

The Colenso case—Position of Colonial Bishops.

During the past few weeks a decision has been given by the judicial committee of the Queen's privy council, in the case of Bishop Colenso, which has attracted some attention, not only from the particular case involved, but from the unexpected results upon the position of episcopalian bishops in all the Colonies. Sometime ago, as most of our readers are aware, J. W. Colenso, who had been appointed Bishop of Natal in South Africa, published a work in which he assailed the genuineness and authenticity of the five books of Moses, and attempted to show that the author has made such a series of woful blunders, that not only were his writings destitute of any claim to our deference as inspired, but that he himself lacked common sense. Such gross infidelity, natural enough if coming from open unbelievers, as Paine or Holyoake, was certainly something new as coming from a bishop of the church of England. Yet with that characteristic of the infidelity of the present day, which would betray the Son of Man with a kiss, there are mingled with these destructive tenets a profession of respect for the bible and christianity. And when the public opinion of the christian world was roused at the scandal of a dignitary of the church of England, thus endeavouring to subvert the very foundations of the christian system, Colenso maintained his right to hold his office, and regarded it as an act of tyranny to deprive him of its emoluments.

The bishop of Capetown had been constituted by the Queen's letters patent, metropolitan of South Africa, by which he received the powers of an archbishop, the bishops of Grahamstown and Natal being suffragan bishops, or subordinate to him. The words of the Queen's letters are, "We do will and ordain that in case any proceedings shall be instituted against any of the said bishops of Grahamstown and Natal, when placed under the said metropolitan see of Capetown, such proceedings shall originate and be carried on before the said bishop of Capetown, whom we hereby authorize and direct to take cognizance of