

Our Mission.

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Canada Temperance Advocate was started, John Dougall being the editor. In 1846, resigning his connection with *The Advocate*, he started *The Weekly Witness*, and fourteen years later, *The Daily Witness*, with which ever since he has been connected. In 1871, leaving the control of these papers to his eldest son, Mr. John Redpath Dougall, he went to New York, where he began the publication of *The New York Daily and Weekly Witness*, the former of which, after a bitter struggle for existence, ceased publication in 1878. *The New York Weekly Witness* proved a success, and is now edited by Mr. Dougall's son, Mr. James Duncan Dougall.

John Dougall had long been actively interested in religious work, being a devoted member of the Congregational Church. He was a ready, pleasant and forcible speaker, and was welcomed with enthusiasm at meetings of every kind. His words had the greater weight, because of the fact that they were seconded when necessary by kindly personal solicitude of the speaker. He was a wonderfully consecrated man, not seeking for fame, honor, or emolument; not seeking for the riches that perish, but seeking to lay up for himself treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt. He trusted simply in God. He had a work to do, a mission to accomplish; and he has done that work and accomplished that mission for the glory of God, and for the good of his fellow-men.

It was our privilege to know the deceased, and we have bright and grateful recollections of words of counsel and cheer given us when we were but young in Christian life, and stood at the threshold of active service, which has engaged the greater part of that life. We can truly say, that to know him was to love him. The Rev. Geo. H. Wells, of Montreal (at which city the deceased was interred), beautifully summarized Mr. Dougall's character, when, in the funeral sermon, he said: "The three grand characteristics of the deceased were, his sincerity, his unselfishness, and his perfect conscientiousness."

LET the servants of Christ put toil and hardship by the side of the recompense, and look well to the state of their hearts, taking heed day by day that they please God: so will they be always rejoicing, though always sorrowful.

THOSE who walk with God hear His voice, and He employs them.

[EDITORIAL.]

We leave it with You.

TWO more issues will complete Vol. 2 of "OUR MISSION." We introduced the paper in August, 1884, with these words:—

"In the name of the Lord and, we trust, with an eye single to His glory, we send forth the first number of "OUR MISSION UNION." It is published to meet a felt need, and He who has promised to "supply all our need," will, we are confident, make this paper a medium through which the great need of many shall be supplied. It will ever be our aim to make this paper a clear exponent of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Realizing that it is "better not to vow, than vow and not to pay," we shall not make promises beyond this,—that "as much as lieth in us" we shall make this paper to be, 1st,—a voice, calling attention to the grand truths of the Gospel, and crying "Behold the Lamb;" and, 2nd,—a finger post,—pointing the way of salvation so plainly that none need err."

What we promised we have faithfully endeavoured to perform, and we are in possession of much precious testimony as to blessing which has resulted from our efforts, and also as to the value of "OUR MISSION" in supplying "pure literature." With much thought and prayer, each issue has been prepared. Though many obstacles have been encountered, and to a great extent overcome in connection with the editorial management, we still see many points, the covering of which would materially enhance the value of our pages, and believe that with God's blessing these may yet be fully provided for.

There is, however, one lack, which publishers and editor can never supply—that is, the lack of support. We expected that for some months at least, the paper would have to be published at a loss, financially; but we had fondly hoped that ere this we would be in possession of a subscription list of sufficient extent to cover the actual cost of publication. In this we have been disappointed, and we find that after publishing a special edition of 2,500 (each issue), for use in mission work in Toronto, with several other orders varying from 500 to 50, for free distribution elsewhere, our regular list falls far short of placing the paper upon a paying basis.

We now lay the matter before our friends, and ask, What shall be done? A very slight effort would ensure the list required. If each subscriber would send us but one additional name, it would be accomplished. Our great desire is to make the paper a messenger of "glad tidings," and we ask our friends to rally to our help, and make it, at least, self-supporting.

We wait your answer, and the response made within the next four weeks will determine whether we shall continue our regular visits, or at the close of that period say "Good bye."