

ing on the desultory and tentative efforts of some backwoods Missionary, the system would receive its official status and the public recognition.

4th. Let us agitate the matter in sermons, speeches, newspaper controversies, tracts, &c., in united action. Let us familiarize men's minds with the subject in every possible way. Let us strive to render it a topic of conversation and discussion amongst our people—not in one Parish, but throughout the Canadian Church. Let us in fine use every leverage whereby the tremendous vis inertiae of our ultra-Conservatism may be dislodged.

No doubt, to any and all schemes for the furtherance of this great desideratum of Lay Co-operation, there will be serious objections. But surely we must see that something should be done. The case is this: the Anglican Church has much to do which yet seems likely to remain undone; the already overtasked Clergy cannot compass the whole field; our people are gradually being weaned away in the neglected parts; and at all events their children cannot in any justice be expected to have any attachment for a Church, whose ministrations they have rarely, perhaps never, enjoyed. Other bodies by their adoption of Lay Help have far outstripped us, and it will not do for us at every suggestion to fold our arms and say "Non possumus." Something must be done.

We are very apt in the face of existing things to console ourselves with the thought; that if we do lose the masses, still we gain the thinking, the intellectual, the respectable and refined. But surely the Church is not thus fulfilling her mission. If this state of things prevail among us, we shall reduce the Church to the condition of a sect—the sect of a certain favoured class,—and so she would lose one bright mark of her Catholicity, viz.: her adaptation to all classes and all conditions. She should not only embrace the wise and prudent, the noble and refined; but should extend her ministrations to the poor, the "babes in Christ," the "weak brother for whom Christ died." To maintain this Catholic character unimpaired, she should be able to say not only of her faith that it is "*Quod ab omnibus*;