

chasten your enthusiasm for minor things on the other, and having your souls filled to overflowing with the full-orbed glory of an undivided Christ, it is not likely you will by word or deed seek to violate the unity and peace of the household of faith.

And now, brethren, allow us to remind you once more of the great connexional enterprizes of the Church. First and most important are our missions—foreign and domestic. If we would be aggressive in action, we must be intensely missionary in spirit. Let the Church's heart throb with the mighty pulsations of a divine life and her influence will not be feeble nor her efforts fruitless in the broad field of missionary toil. It is not the fault of the Gospel that the kingdoms of this world are not the kingdoms of God and his Christ to-day. The postponement of that golden age for which we labor and pray is not to be attributed to the slowness of the providential plan, but to the apathy of the Christian Church.

Had the holy zeal of apostolic times never wavered in its intensity to the present hour, earth with all her millions would to-day have been shouting "Hosannah to the Lord." It is with devout gratitude, however, that we tell you of the success of your missionaries, whether among the French Canadians of Quebec, the aborigines of this country, or the teeming millions in far-off Japan. But what has been accomplished is small in comparison to what yet remains to done. This is the day of the Church's opportunity. The whole world is open to the Christian missionary: millions of heathen are crying for the Bible, the Sabbath, the Ministry, and the Church.

"From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain."

We would also remind you of our Educational Institutions, especially the Theological Schools for the training of the ministry of the Church. The age in which we live is marked by rapid strides in every department of secular knowledge. And we hesitate not to affirm that Christianity will suffer if, at a time when vigor and acuteness of thinking are carried into all other departments, the pulpit should become a refuge for dulness and intellectual poverty. Weak and untrained minds are poorly qualified to influence and mould the men of this active, stirring, and enquiring age. Men will not be trifled with. They listen impatiently to the great subjects of redemption when treated with hesitation or apathy. There must be something more than frigid tameness of mind if Christ is to be enthroned in the souls of men. The necessities of the times demand a ministry which can address the understanding with clearness, as well as the conscience and heart with power, in order to rouse mankind from the slumber of a sinful life. Hence,