

long as such small-souled instructions as yours are given. Learn that "the liberal soul shall made fat. He that withholdeth corn the people shall curse him; he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

REJOICING in some measure of increase among ourselves, we gladly note from our brethren in the United States that the past year has been one of blessing for them also. The statistics will show a net gain of 5,340 members, the total being 401,549. The increase is between thirteen and fourteen per cent. on the total of the previous year. Yet one-fourth of the churches are marked as "not supplied," while less than a fourth are marked as "having pastors." We learn that if every minister were a pastor, there still would be over a hundred churches without supply of any kind. And the New York *Independent* suggests "the Methodist circuit system." We do not. The primitive system of permanent pastorates, with evangelists sent by the Church, would serve the purpose much better. Above all, a deeper realization among us of the fact that eternity over-reaches time, and that heaven and God are real.

OVER 100,000 women and girls, it is said, make a living in the streets of Paris. They are licensed by the Government, and sell different articles. Thirty-five thousand of them are under eighteen, 17,000 under fifteen, and 5,000 of them little girls under thirteen years of age. One thousand four hundred and three women in England and Wales earn a living by sifting dust-heaps. Such statistics are not only painfully suggestive, they call for activity even on pure grounds of self-defence. Is it any wonder that in such sordid ignorance Nihilism and Communism find fruitful means of growth? The savour of society's salt is still the grand old Gospel and its life.

WE reprint from the English *Nonconformist and Independent* an article headed "Midnight Wanderers." Apart from its own interest, and as an indication of what our English brethren are doing, it has another word for us. Thankful as we are for all help cheerfully given by our home churches for our

Canadian work, we are painfully conscious that it has not been so general or so generous as it might have been. On the other hand we may as well make up our minds to put our own hand manfully to the plough, and realize that aid from England must have its limits. Our English brethren are facing problems that will tax their energies and faith, and the article reprinted may aid us in understanding their position with a sympathy they have hitherto scarcely extended toward us.

A RESPECTED correspondent writes that there are still misunderstandings regarding the College Building Fund. From the treasurer we have received the following statement which ought to set the matter forever at rest: "The College building cost \$20,600, subscribed \$22,500, paid \$20,300. The building is absolutely unencumbered. The Principal's residence carries a mortgage of \$6,000, the interest of which is completely covered by the rent." If this is not clear will some friend try to write a paragraph more explicit?

WHILE on the College question we note with kindly regret that no contributions for the College are reported in the last Year Book from such churches as Barrie, Cobourg, Coldsprings, Embro, Kingston Bethel, Listowel, London, Paris, Sarnia, Scotland, Toronto Bond Street, Warwick, Watford, and Granby. Many of these churches are being served by College alumni. Brethren, these things ought not so to be, and we trust will no more be; remember the old riddle, 'tis true, very true:

"There was a man, and some did count him mad;
The more he cast away, the more he had!"

ATTENTION is directed to the letter from the Treasurer of the Provident Fund. A private note names two churches that have declined to give a collection. From what we know of these churches we are sure that there are members among them who would esteem it a privilege to give to this or to any denominational scheme. With whom rests the responsibility of refusal? "Chickens come home to roost," and the church that is trained in meanness soon pays back its lessons with interest.