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When we contemplate the boundless love of God, in the economy of man's salvation, we behold an unparalleled exhibition of grace and mercy. The ocean of Divine love stirred to its utmost depths, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." The institution and establishment of the Christian Church is only the continuation and application of this glorious scheme of Divine love. The world is put into the hands of the church. The Masters commission to her is, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." His promise, "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Nothing less than the salvation of the whole world should satisfy the longing, ardent, burning love for souls, of the great heart of the church. She sees a famishing, starving, countless multitude; beholds also the rich and inexhaustible provision made for them in the gospel, the feast prepared, the table spread, the fulness infinite, and oh! can she rest till the voice of her heralds is heard on every mountain top, in every valley, in all the waste places of earth's wide domain, in trumpet tones, crying to the perishing millions of Adam's race, "Come, for all things are now ready;"

"Crowd to your places at the feast
And bless the founders name."

But has the church accomplished her task and fulfilled her high destiny? Alas! the question seems a taunt and a mockery. Nearly nineteen centuries have rolled their course since she received her great commission; and yet millions of men remain in open and daring rebellion against their rightful sovereign,—slaves of sin, in league with hell, willing subjects of the prince of darkness. Then should not the solemn language of the poet move our very souls, and roll with earnest anxiety from our lips—

"Why then, Almighty Saviour, why
Do wretched souls in millions die?
While the infernal tyrant reigns
O'er spacious realms in ponderous chains."

The debt on this department of our work is a subject demanding prompt and energetic action. When will our friends awake to the imperative duty and urgent necessity of giving to the support of God's cause in accordance with Scripture precept and example? The union of Prince Edward Island District with the Canadian Conference, we consider a very important move; not only enlarging our sphere of operations, but greatly increasing our responsibilities. May the Divine Being impart sufficient wisdom to conduct the whole to a successful issue.