

the present emergency, only 38 have contributed since May 31st, *i.e.*, during the present financial year. If therefore only the remaining 45 would come promptly forward, our difficulties would be surmounted. On the eve of the battle of Trafalgar, Nelson sent through the fleet that inspiring admonition—which contributed no doubt materially to the victory of the morrow—“England expects every man to do his duty.” Only let such a spirit animate our people, and all will yet be well. Let them remember besides—especially those of them whose lot is cast amid abounding privileges, the condition of their less favoured brethren, who but for the assistance this scheme affords, would “dwell solitary in the wood,” and whose delight in the ordinances of the gospel is no less ardent than their own.

2.—We may call the attention of supplemented congregations themselves to the injunction of last Synod. It is made a condition of their receiving aid that they contribute to the funds of the H. and F. Mission, and the Supplementary and Educational Schemes. Let them, in present circumstances, govern themselves accordingly.

3.—And lastly we would appeal to the liberality of the more wealthy and public spirited members of the Church. We have, blessed be God, such men among us—whose praise is in all the churches. We are well aware of the many calls that are made upon them, but we have often thought that such men as these should make a scheme like this the object of their peculiar care. May we not express a confident hope, that if they ponder the facts brought out in the former part of this article, this appeal will not be made in vain. We remember that at the close of last year, when a similar appeal was made on behalf of this fund, a “business man” responded with a contribution of \$200, another with \$100, and a retired business man with \$25. May many be stimulated by their example, and go and do likewise.

### A COMMUNION ADDRESS.

The days and weeks and months that come between our Communion seasons have gone with their hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, good and evil, and in the multitude of God's loving kindnesses and tender mercies we have gathered once more around the Table of the Lord. May our Communion be high and hallowed, fellowship with each other and with the Father and the Son.

The church is spoken of in Scripture as a household. We have all our Father in Heaven; our elder brother is Jesus; we are all brothers and sisters in Christ; the family bond binds us; the family likeness is stamped upon us. Let us love as brethren. Be followers of God as dear children, and walk in love even as Christ has loved us.

*The Cross is the family tree. Calvary is the birthplace of our souls. It is pleasant to gather there. We experience joy in visiting after long absence the place of childhood; the hills which we climbed, the streams by which we played, the house in which we were born, the scenes amid which our early years were spent. The rush of awakened associations gives a strange but powerful fascination drawing us to such a scene. The Cross is a far more precious birth-place. There we first opened our eyes and saw Jesus in His beauty; there we first felt the power of the new life. Now, the cross is planted in the centre of this service. The words of the minister point to it; the broken bread points to the “bruised” body on the tree; the wine points to the shed blood; the words of consecration point to the common centre. Every part of the service invites us to gather there. Let us do so with joy, recalling the experience of early years in the Divine life, our first views and feelings, joys and hopes. Let us recall the way by which we have been led hitherto, our progress and our falls—so shall penitence mingle with our gratitude as we sit at the feast.*

The wanderer is invited to come home to day. Like lost sheep we have wandered from home. We have been worldly, selfish, unkind and unlovely. We have spoken