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CITY EVANGELIZATION.

Let not our readers in the rural districts suppose from the present theme that we are without sympathy or interest in the progress of the gospel in the bush—God forbid. The cause of the Saviour is identical, whether home or foreign fields are cultivated, when all is done for His glory: and by the same power are souls redeemed, whether from the thralldom of Eastern idolatry, or amid the solitudes of the Western wilderness. On this principle, God's work in a land, awakens prayer and arouses effort throughout *all* its borders. We may, however, classify the work, in view of special adaptation of the kind of means to be employed in given localities. For the city and the country there is the same gospel, yet as opportunities and habits vary with the situation of men, the modes of operation in conveying the knowledge of it, must be wisely regulated by a regard to the wants and nature of the field. Christians in cities have special work. Seek the good of the city where thou dwellest. The observer of the signs of the times, must have marked with great interest, the growth and development of zeal and activity, in preaching the gospel to the neglected masses in large cities. A change has come over the spirit of the dream of many, so that we had almost said it has become the *fashion* to have open air services—mammoth congregations—preaching by the highest dignitaries—in some of the great centres of population in the old country. If fashion it be, it is a good one, and one which in the reckoning of the great day will show, that it issued in the purification of many a den of vice, in the recovery of many a fallen drunkard, in the consolation of many widowed and stricken hearts. It is to us an enigma hard to solve, how Christians could come and go to their feast of fat things, and allow the marks of spiritual starvation staring them in the corners of the streets to pass without due impression. True, some have nobly wrought to spread a table for the destitute, more particularly for the little ones, in Sabbath School effort; but withal, there has existed an amount of *supineness* at which we stand amazed. The millions of the metropolis of the Empire, are not evangelized. Hundreds of thousands in that great city, are as effectually benighted in spiritual ignorance, as the Hindoo or Caffre. Other large cities are in a similar position. The cry of these should enter into the ears of Christians; it is not come over and help us,—come across seas and deserts to our aid,—it is help us here, cross your own thresholds and help us. We admit that the circumstances of the case are not exactly parallel in our Canadian cities—populations have not grown so enormous, and some of the forms of vice are not so prominent—yet every one with his eyes open, must see that the