

gone, and only so much done in order to maintain our pecuniary credit as a Church? Were something like that done, not to relieve ministers and office-bearers of their duty, but to direct and supplement them, I have the impression we should pass through our ecclesiastical "weaning" season without much present inconvenience and with great future increase of elasticity and power. It surely has not come to this, that because we have ceased to receive a few hundreds, which we have received only too long, and because a commercial crisis has swept over the land, we must resign ourselves to the idea that our operations must be contracted, and *that*, just at a time when there is special call for their being extended, and reinvigorated; that there seems the remotest danger of *present* engagements even being repudiated and broken up. That I cannot believe. Perhaps the faith of Dr. Haweis is not given to many of us,—that faith which led the good man to say that he would sell the coat off his back before the South Sea Mission should be given up; but I *do* believe there is so much faith still within our borders as would lead many to make far greater exertions than have yet been made, and even to submit to some sacrifices which I very much feel few in Canada have yet subjected themselves to, for the cause of Jesus of Nazareth. Let the whole case be fairly laid before the Church, and let there be some recognized means by which one part shall know what the rest are doing, and I am fully persuaded that long before next Synod, *bad times though these be*, we shall have many giving pounds for dollars, and some who have been giving pounds giving *tens*. I was going to add, as it would have rounded off my sentence nicely, that some who have been giving *tens* might be found giving *hundreds*, but I shall not go too far, even in *hopefulness*, and shall leave therefore a margin for liberal souls affording me the pleasure of an agreeable disappointment. I must say I should like to see in our Mission lists such humble unobtrusive notices as, "A boy's first earnings, \$1;" "For mercies received, \$5;" "The contents of a deceased child's mission box, 50 cents,"—and I don't despair of seeing them. There are yearning loving hearts within our borders, to which such notices would be at once a pleasure and a stimulus; but alas, as things are at present, even though many had the wish, they would not know to whom to send their money, and for their sakes I mention what I could wish you would have in type for every issue of your periodical, that the Treasurer's address is, ROBERT CHRISTIE, Esq., *Rosebank, P. O.*, and that the smallest contributions sent to him, *post free*, will be thankfully received, and duly, I may add, acknowledged in this magazine.

Excuse this long letter, and believe me to be,

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