

The Society for Church Extension proposed at the last meeting of the Union, and to which Mr. Burton adverted in his address, is a long-felt denominational necessity. Not only would it greatly further our progress in Canada but it would also be a protection to our Churches, for then there would be neither the need or the excuse for ministers and others to "go through" the congregations personally soliciting aid for their church-building schemes when a Society existed especially to meet these purposes. Moreover we should have the confidence that the money we thus invest would be under proper supervision in its use, and would not be devoted to the erection of unnecessarily large and fine buildings with magnificent debts attached. As a matter of policy it will pay our city congregations especially to support such a Society generously, and then refuse these special calls, graciously referring all applicants to the Church Extension Society.

The deficit of \$900 which has accrued against the Publishing Company, greatly hindering its work, if not threatening its existence, has arisen mainly through the change of the publication from a monthly to a weekly, at the former price, entailing more than two thirds of an increase in the expense of publication. It was hoped by those who then held the management that the increase in the number of subscribers would warrent this, which hope, so long deferred, has made the heart sick, if a company concern has any heart. In this connection it should be stated that the present stockholders have all given their money, not as an investment, but as a subscription to a denominational necessity. The Company was formed and an act of incorporation obtained simply to save the publication for the churches.



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