

if the wisdom of the brotherhood could be brought to bear upon this difficulty that the money could be expended to good advantage for the very purpose for which it was collected; for although much may be done by perseverance and zeal without money, yet money may be turned to good advantage for many things, and missionaries need money as well as other people. Third, perhaps fasting and prayer may not have been sufficiently persevered in. We have many instances of parties in difficulties having recourse to fasting and prayer, and we have several instances of these means being blessed of God for the removal of difficulties. We are commanded to ask, and if we do so we shall find. I have been long of opinion that fasting and prayer are too much neglected; and sending forth missionaries without this preparation seems to be unscriptural. See Acts xiii. 2, 3. Let all the churches in Canada appoint a time for fasting and prayer, (churches in the other Provinces might join in this general fast.) Let due notice of this be given in the Christian Banner or any other suitable way. Perhaps our gracious Master may hear our petitions; at all events it is the duty of those in difficulty to call for help. Fourth, let the whole brotherhood including *old veterans* and *sharp-sighted striplings* search for the scripture plan, for this seems to be the principal thing that is wanting. The Lord Jesus himself seems to have spent about three years in missionary labours. He left us an example that we should follow his steps. He, on more than one occasion, during his personal ministry, sent out missionaries to preach repentance and the good news of the kingdom. The book of the Acts contains an account of much missionary labour. Paul was perhaps the most laborious of all the missionaries of the apostolic age; he urges his own example upon the elders at Ephesus, also upon his son Timothy; he also urges his own example upon the churches of Corinth, Philippi, and Thessalonica, 1 Cor. xi. 1, Phil. iii. 17, chap. iv. 9, 2 Thess. iii. 6, 13.

Now as the scriptures of the New Testament contain so much information respecting missionary labours, we need not (I should suppose) be at a loss to ascertain the *scripture* plan. Having now called the attention of the brotherhood to this subject, I leave it to able hands to follow up what has been said.

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"The things which ye have learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do."—PAUL.