

The following Appeal is published in compliance with request contained in report of Board of Foreign Missions :—

APPEAL TO THE CHURCHMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA
FROM THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brethren :—

At a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, held in Halifax during the last Session of Synod, the Board requested the Chairman for the time being, and the Secretary, to earnestly draw the attention of the Church's Members to our unworthy position, as a Church, on the question of Foreign Missions.

In the discharge of the duty it may be safely assumed, that, whilst the members of the Church of England in this Province, can yield to none in moral worth, personal piety, and substantial liberality to *home* objects; we must plead guilty to being far behind in the discharge of our Christian duty towards the *Heathen* who, as yet, know not God.

We have reason to believe that the fact is not generally admitted; or, still worse, if admitted, it remains unheeded; and that, by a Christian people, who are in other respects ever ready to give and glad to distribute.

We would provoke you to jealousy, Brethren. Other bodies of Christians by whom we are surrounded, in some cases smaller in number, less wealthy, and unlike us, receiving no help from other sources, have long sent men into the mission field; we most firmly believe, to their great comfort and prosperity.

We in the meanwhile have *practically* forgotten that God has given us the blessings of the Gospel to be *diffused* as well as *enjoyed*, and therefore, it cannot be a small matter, whether we selfishly keep those blessings to ourselves; or, whilst gratefully using them, we are forward to send the same unspeakable gift, to those who are scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

We gladly acknowledge that the *Province* has prospered, that the Church as a whole, has been strengthened, and, that individual members of the Church have grown rich. But in the face of the fact that no missionary has been sent forth, nor mission work accomplished, which will encourage us to increased interest and earnestness—however liberal and conscientious *Individuals* may be—as a *Church* we have failed to go forth, and tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King.

Brethren, if there be any promise of reward for liberality towards God; or withdrawal of Divine favour on account of failure to do