

Word of Life to the destitute in this Province. Instead of having but *two* labours *permanently* in the field, there should be at least three times that number.

The Board have been recently compelled to decline several applications received from those who desire, and should have, the Word of Life sent to them, and at other times they have granted missions for a few weeks only, when, unquestionably more extended labor was needed, and would have been given if the state of the funds had warranted such action.

One of the Missionaries in writing to the Board of those among whom he labored says, "the friends here are willing to do their part financially." Another says "our churches would be more efficient and vigorous if they had more of a missionary spirit." Another represents his field as "demanding the constant labors of a missionary."

The question arises, how is the principle of Christian liberality to be worked in our various churches and congregations? In what way are our people to be stirred up to a sense of the duty which they owe to God? The various schemes which have been tried, seem all to have failed in producing such results as have been looked for, and ought reasonably to be expected. Are our ministers doing their duty in teaching and enforcing what Scripture says on this topic? If they neglect this part they cannot say they have declared the whole counsel of God. Men must be taught the scriptural principle of giving; to give, not merely because they are asked, but because God requires it at their hands, on the same ground as he requires worship and a holy life. It is a privilege to give, as much as it is a privilege to receive temporal and spiritual benefits. To talk about religion and not give of our substance, as we can afford, to its cause, is as unscriptural as it is unproductive of any result. Christianity is as far removed from selfishness on the one hand, as it is from a false sentiment of charity on the other.

Of course on this subject no definite rule can be laid down, different circumstances call for different methods. The great object to be aimed at is, that every man, woman and child should feel his or her individual obligation; that the amount given is nothing, the question being, am I giving in proportion to my income. And in this respect the poor man is not to be ashamed of his poverty, for his five cents or even