

must settle such questions ultimately with their God, and at the judgment ; be added unto you " ; and again, that it remembered the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, " It is more blessed to give than to receive " ! Is it not time that more of the wealth of earth, especially of the possessions of Christian men, should find its way from cheerful hearts and willing hands into the treasury of the Lord, to prosecute the work of God and the propagation of the Gospel of Christ to the end of the earth ?

These questions we trust our dear people will answer practically, promptly, liberally, and conscientiously in the fear of God and in the light of His Word. Great demands are upon us. For this we should be thankful to God ; for, great as they are, they are not greater than the resources of the Church duly consecrated can meet ; and certainly not greater than the Lord God Almighty, operating in and through an humble, obedient, and faithful people, can supply. Even had we labored and sacrificed to exhaustion, our exhaustion were the opportunity of the God of all grace ; for His strength is made perfect in weakness. The demands upon us in Ontario are pressing. There are points, burdened at least to the very verge of endurance, that increased mission funds could relieve ; there are fields calling for our labor, rich in promise, which for lack of means we cannot occupy ; besides all which is our remote mission ground in Manitoba. There, for a time at least, men must be almost wholly sustained and church-building subsidized from the Mission funds. And who shall say such work will not pay ? Who can say the expenditures, even in Ontario, have not secured encouraging returns ? Many of our best circuits and stations were once mission ground ; in fact, the whole land was mission ground and every preacher a missionary. And so, in the spiritual sense, it ought to continue. Many of our most successful ministers have been gathered in from mission fields. And shall it not be so in fast-settling Manitoba and the rapidly-opening great North-West ? Shall we not be permitted there to see large and flourishing societies and vigorous and compact circuits ? Everything depends on our present fidelity and liberality. *Now* the crisis is upon us ; *now* is the time for action. The energy and vigor of a few years will shape the course of the future. We can incur and suffer failure and disgrace, or we can achieve success and bring glory to God. Which shall it be ? Let every Episcopal Methodist and every friend of Episcopal Methodism ask himself, Which shall it be ! And let him answer by dwelling more with God in prayer, and by increasing, and, if at all practicable, at least doubling his missionary contributions. Men