

"in aid of Missionary work." Canada, with four millions of people, received £350,—less than \$1700 (this year it will be but \$1200), and that is all the information on this point which we can gather.

Canada, of course, occupies the principal place in the outline which is given of the Society's work. No mention is made of our new and more aggressive movement; but great satisfaction is expressed that the Canadian Committee regard, with favour, the proposal to proportion the English grant to the amount raised by the Canadian churches. We are sorry to say that we think the satisfaction is not very well founded. The proposal would be regarded with much more favour if the proportions were reversed for a few years, and instead of devoting to Canada a little over \$1000 a year, the British churches would make it \$10,000, as they might easily do.

We are not unmindful of the fact that the Society contributes almost another thousand dollars annually to the College in Montreal, and that we are very largely as we have been very long, indebted to our British brethren for their aid. But however ungracious it may be in us to do so, they will not take it amiss if we respectfully remind them, that while what they give is a matter of grace to us, it is, at the same time, a matter of duty to Christ. We give rightly only as we do so in view of our obligations to Him.

We write feelingly on this subject. The Report does us the credit of saying that though "the Congregational churches of Canada are not numerous, nor numerically strong, they have a

vigorous and intense life, and are duly impressed with a sense of the obligations under which they lie to make sacrifices for Christ's sake." There are but very few of our English brethren, however, who have any clear conception of the difficulties and discouragements under which our work is carried on. Small bodies labour under many disadvantages, and we are among "the least of the thousands of Israel." We gain but very little through immigration, and are constantly losing by the removal of members to towns and rural districts where we have no Congregational churches. We are surrounded by denominations vastly larger and more wealthy than ourselves. Rightly to conceive of our position, our English brethren should ask themselves what they would do in Britain if the Wesleyans, the Presbyterians and the Episcopalians, each outnumbered them *twenty-fold*, and the Baptists, and some minor bodies of the Methodists, *four-fold*, and what kind of a struggle they would maintain against these tremendous odds, if all the help they could get were £2000 a year, for the three Kingdoms, while the larger bodies around them could spend each of them twenty pounds to their one!

Such, however, is about our position relatively. Our churches are liberal, and self-sacrificing, and generally warmly attached to our principles. Our statistics show that *for every dollar* spent by the Colonial Missionary Society on our Missions in Canada, we are raising *over sixty dollars* ourselves. We think it could be shown, that our churches contribute more *per capita* to religious objects, than their much richer English