

Do you know that the reports of our Home Mission work were never more encouraging?

Do you want to see Home Missions grow?

Do you want our cause, the cause of Primitive Christianity in the Province, to grow?

Do you know that unless Home Missions grow and are supported, Foreign Missions must decline?

Do you know that growth at home means growth abroad?

Have you heard that all the people of Ontario have not accepted Christ yet?

Do you know that the success of the Home Mission collection depends upon each individual Disciple—you, brother or sister, doing his or her best for it?

Then help the Home Mission collection all you can. A BROTHER.

**The Financial Law of Christ.**

The Bible is the poor man's book. Christ is sole King in His church. The constitution of this church is Christian. The apostle Paul was the organizer of churches, and the first epistle to the Corinthians is the great church organizing epistle. In its closing chapter the apostle institutes a system of finance. This system bears the character of an authoritative and repeated law. "As I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye." The method taught by the apostle to provide the revenue of the Church is an expansion of the Jewish and Pentecostal church systems, an example for us, an implied and inferential obligation sustained by cumulative and presumptive argument. New Testament institutions are not given with Sinaitic form and severity. They meet us as sacred provisions for urgent occasions. They appeal to willing hearts more than to a legal mind. Christ rules in love, but His will should not have less authority or constraining power on that account. "The poor," said the Saviour, "ye have always with you." (John xii.8.) This word, extorted by the rapacity of Judas, teaches us that poverty has its claims upon us which we must not neglect. From our definition of "the poor," we exclude the systematic idler and professional beggar. We note the claims of the real poor.

When the deacon St. Lawrence was asked, in the Decian persecution, to show the Prefect the most precious treasures of the Church of Rome, he showed him the sick, the lame, the blind. "It is incredible," said Lucian, the pagan jeerer and sceptic, "to see the ardor with which those Christians help each other in their wants. They spare nothing. Their first Legislator has put

it into their heads that they are all brothers." "These Galileans," said Julian the Apostate, "nourish not only their own poor, but ours as well." In the year 252 a plague raged in Carthage. The heathen threw out their dead and sick on the streets, and ran away from them for fear of the contagion, and cursed the Christians. Cyprian, on the contrary, assembled his congregation, told them to love those who cursed them; and the rich working with their money, and the poor with their hands, never rested till the dead were buried, the sick were cared for, and the city saved from destruction. In works of charity we gladden others. The helpless and fatherless must never be forgotten. Real generosity is the surest way of thriving. "He that gives shall receive." "The liberal soul shall be made fat." "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barn be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. iii: 9, 10

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**What of the Future?**

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Every reader of this paper once in a while turns his mind toward the future and asks himself what will our work tell for in this country in ten, twenty, fifty years from now. We are sure that every reader wishes the largest measure of prosperity for our movement. One thing is certain, we will either go forward or backward—as there is no such a thing as standing still—we venture to predict that our readers are so thoroughly imbued with the missionary spirit that we need not speak of anything but a forward move.

*Conditions of Success.*—In order to be successful in the spread of the gospel we must adapt ourselves to the needs of the people. This is one of the reasons why the work of our pioneers was successful. One reason why our work has not grown so well as we would desire of late years is, I believe, a failure on our part to adapt ourselves to the conditions of the Province. For some years past we have been putting forth our best efforts in the towns and cities. This is right as far as it goes, but the work in rural districts and villages should not be left undone.

*Lessons from our Neighbors.*—Let us look around us and see if any useful points can be learned from those around us. Take the Mennonites for example. These people are pushing rapidly into both old settled and newly settled districts, and are rapidly gaining

a firm foothold in the Province. They encourage young men to be preachers. They train them up in evangelistic work, and are getting a strong force of preachers, who have a good ordinary education, say as good as the average public school teacher, and expect him to be of about the same social standing in the community and to get about the same salary as a public school teacher in the locality in which he preaches. They look out for a locality where a mission can be started and they go ahead preaching and converting the people, and when a sufficient number is gathered in they form a congregation.

*Our Needs.*—First, may I say, a force of energetic, God-fearing young men, with a reasonably good education and some special training for their work, who will be willing to go into any neighborhood where a congregation can be formed.

Second, That our young men just mentioned be willing to go out and evangelize and build up congregations wherever they can find a location at a salary such as the public school teacher gets in the vicinity, a stated portion of this if necessary to be paid by the Co-operation. Let, in all the older districts, the preacher give sufficient attention to finances to make the mission "pay" its way by collections and offerings as much as possible, remembering that if he ministers to the people in spiritual things it is but their part to minister to him in temporal things. I believe that to the attention given this point the Methodists owe a large measure of their success in pushing out into new fields.

*Our College in Toronto.*—There is perhaps no one thing that has been done by our brethren in years that will, I believe, be a larger factor in this advancement than the establishment of our college in Toronto. Is it not just what was needed and at the time when it was needed? A place in which to prepare not only preachers having a university education, but also largely and specially the class of young men whose work I have just outlined; young men of limited means and present education also limited, if we may so describe the education obtained at our Public and High Schools. Such literary education coupled with a course in the college in Toronto and backed up by a consecrated, energetic character would fit many of our young men for useful work.

*In conclusion,* may I say that in what I have written I desire to open up the subject, and I will not expect everyone to agree with me. It may be, Mr. Editor, that it may serve the purpose



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of a target to fire criticisms at, and in that way bring out many practical points that will be useful to us in our efforts to advance the cause of our Master in this Province.

Owen Sound.

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