

the blessing of God, by vigorous, persevering, and prayerful efforts.

We are called to engage with holy ardour in this great enterprise, that our much valued and distinctive principles may be extensively diffused, and permanently established; that, under the sanction and blessing of our Divine Head and Redeemer, flourishing and prosperous Churches, founded on the model contained in the New Testament, may eventually cover the length and breadth of the land.

Your Society has, at present, eight Ministerial Brethren, who are labouring in various sections of this Missionary field, dependant on your treasury for an amount of pecuniary aid, *essential* to their continuance. Other promising and important Stations, also, might be immediately occupied, were our resources less limited. An urgent application was recently made by a feeble Church, long destitute of the stated Ministry of the Word and the Ordinances of the Gospel, to be supplied with these invaluable blessings, promising to contribute, as far as their limited means would allow, in sustaining their Pastor. To this pressing application, however, your Committee could only reply, by expressing their deep regret, that the funds of the Society were, at present, inadequate to meet any further demands. And thus, the little flock is still destitute of an under shepherd.

The position which we now occupy in this Province, as a denomination, is chiefly owing, under God, to the *Colonial Missionary Society, in connexion with the Congregational Union of England and Wales*. From its institution in the year 1836, to the present time, Canada has shared largely in its benevolent efforts. Many of its Ministers have been sent from Britain, to labor in its field, and a large number have been, and are still sustained by its funds. Your Committee would, therefore, embrace this opportunity of tendering to this valuable Society, its warmest thanks—at the same time, urgently soliciting the continuance and extension of its generous and much needed assistance.

For several years, the *American Home Missionary Society*, generously contributed of its funds, in sustaining several Congregational Missionaries in this Province. But, as all their