

of Christ. As a writer in the *Free Church Record* says :—"Indifference to the work of Home Missions is simply death to us. *We shall inevitably shrivel up as a Church, if we do not expand.* If we are not up and stirring, the ground will be occupied before us, by those in whose evangelical teaching we cannot have entire confidence." Home Mission work is really in a very important sense *the great work* of the Church ; for if the fountain at home is not kept fresh and full, it is impossible that the streams abroad, can be effectually fed from it.

The membership of the Canada Presbyterian Church according to last Statistics is 51,612, not to speak of adherents, who are generally found willing to aid the benevolent schemes of our Church. With such a membership it requires but little calculation to see how easily at least \$40,000 instead of \$20,000, might be raised for Home Missions. Were each member to contribute on an average not more than *one dollar* a year, our Home Mission funds would *at once* reach the sum of *fifty-one thousand dollars* ! There is surely nothing extravagant in such a calculation, nor will any one presume to say that such a contribution to the cause of Christ in this land, would impoverish the giver. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth ; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat ; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord ; and that which he hath given will He pay him again."

"Is thy cruse of comfort wasting ? rise and share it with another,
And through all the years of famine it shall serve thee and thy brother ;
Love divine will fill thy storehouse, or thy handful still renew ;
Scanty fare for one will often make a royal feast for two.

For the heart grows rich in giving ; all its wealth is living grain :
Seeds which mildew in the garner, scattered, fill with gold the plain.
Is thy burden hard and heavy ? Do thy steps drag wearily ?
Help to bear thy brother's burden ; God will bear both it and thee."

In name of the Home Mission Committee,
WM. COCHRANE, *Convenor.*

BRANTFORD, Ontario, Nov. 20th, 1873.

P. S.—To enable the Committee with as little delay as possible to wipe off their indebtedness,—now amounting to \$10,000—it is of the utmost importance that Congregations should make their contributions at an early date. *In every case*, the collections in aid of this fund, should be sent not later than the 31st day of March. W. C.

WEEK OF UNITED PRAYER.

JANUARY 4-11, 1874.

The Secretaries of the Evangelical Alliance have issued an address to Christians throughout the world, inviting them, as in former years, to join in the Week of Prayer, in the beginning of January 1874. We subjoin the address, which is signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of the several Branches ; and also the topics suggested as suitable for exhortation and prayer in the successive days of meeting :—

To all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours : Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved Brethren of all Nations,—It is again our duty and privilege to invite you to join in the customary Week of Intercession which for many years