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To be Remembered.

Two facts should be kept clearly in view by every member and adherent of our Church in their giving to the schemes of the Church.

1. That the work of the Church in its various departments is constantly enlarging. New work is laid to our hands to do and if faithful we must do it.

2. Several sources of income which we have hitherto enjoyed are now cut off. Previous to last year we received large grants from both the Free and Established Churches in Scotland and the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in aid of our Home Mission and Supplementing work. They now think that we should do our own work and leave them free to aid newer and more destitute fields, and last year we received nothing from Scotland, and but £50, stg., from Ireland. This year we can expect nothing and must depend entirely upon our own resources.

One of three results must follow, we must give more, or borrow, and run the funds more deeply into debt, or, leave some of the work undone.

Surely we will not accept the last, knowing our duty and doing it not. The second alternative, going more deeply into debt, is most unwise, for if the giving is not sufficient to carry on the present work, what prospect is there that the giving in the future will suffice for the enlarged work of the future and pay the debt incurred. Moreover going into debt for such purposes is unfair. It is taking to ourselves the credit of doing Christian work and making those who come after us pay for it. It is shirking our duty and borrowing that which we intend others

to pay. There is one kind of walking by faith that God's word does not warrant, viz., doing Christian work with borrowed money in the faith that those who do the giving next year or the year after will pay our debts. True a favorable opportunity may occur of sending forth a laborer where there may not be funds in hand to do it, where men should first seize the opportunity and then set themselves vigorously to the work of providing for it. But to shirk our duty and borrow systematically for our regular work leaving others to pay is dishonest.

Let ours be the first alternative. Whatsoever our hands find to do, do it with our might. Bring ye *all* the tithes into the store house.

The Canada Temperance Act.

At its meeting in Kingston in July last, the General Assembly passed the following resolution:—

“That the Assembly approve of the Legislative Prohibition of the liquor traffic as correct in principle, and especially that the Assembly approve of the principle of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, and trust that any amendment made to it will be in the direction of increased stringency and efficiency and that all retrogressive legislation will be avoided.”

This Act popularly known as the “Scott” Act, gives every community the power of deciding by vote of the majority, whether or not, intoxicating liquors shall be sold within its bounds. Up to June 30th 1881, three cities and twenty-five counties in the Dominion had voted upon it. Of these, one city and two counties rejected it, while two cities and twenty