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A MISSION PARABLE.

Two settlers in Manitoba took homesteads, the one being known as Farmer Home and the other Farmer Foreign. They both had large families. Shortly after settling, Farmer Home gathered his family together and said: "Now this land is to be ours. We must work at it early and late; but remember, none of you must think about or go to see our neighbors. We'll fence in the whole homestead, and I repeat, you must have nothing to do with anyone outside our own family, especially with that pauper Redman."

Farmer Foreign said to his children when they settled: "We have a homestead here, but I believe the other settlers are poorer than we are. John, you go and plow for neighbor China, and you, William, give a hand to that sick fellow India, and let Thomas go over and help that wretched Aneiteum, and never mind our own homestead: it will take care of itself."

Years fled past.

Farmer Home was on his homestead, but the neighbors said his soul had been shrivelled up to be a mere dry fungus, and his family were the fossils of the neighborhood.

Farmer Foreign had lost his homestead through neglect. The neighbors agreed that both were bad cases, and that there was a better way than either. They declared the most successful man of the settlement to be Farmer Greatheart, who had taken as his motto: "Honor the Lord with thy substance." His own farm had been well cultivated. He had been known to help China and Aneiteum and Redman more than Farmer F., for he had more to do it with, and he was far ahead of Farmer H., for he had a soul left.

ORGANIZE! ORGANIZE!

When the politicians have a campaign ahead they are loud for organization. They are in this wiser than the children of light. A suggestion of some value in this connection has reached us. This is, that at the approaching meeting of the assembly the convener, or some member of the home mission committee, be set free from his ordinary duties for three months to organize Young Men's Missionary Societies, such as that found in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. Surely something will be done!

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