

men were forthcoming and the funds for their support. One thing is certain, and that within our reach, that our Annual Mission Income must be forthwith enlarged if we would retain our position as a missionary Church. It is painful to be forced to speak year after year of our work languishing for lack of means. The question with us now is, How may our Mission Fund be at once increased? There is an abundance of money in this wealthy city, and there is no great lack in our country districts. But it lies there like unquarried metal—it needs to be dug up and laid out for the Master's use. Nay more, there are funds at our disposal if we can only reach the willing hearts that are ready to offer them, and if we can but show that they are required for the Lord's service. Our church members need to be aroused to their responsibility. Instead of giving small stated sums and regarding them in the light of a tax levied on them, they should give largely and liberally as God enables them. And instead of regarding the collection for the Missions of the Church as a matter to be thought of when other claims have been satisfied, they should feel that the support of the Church in their Diocese is *the first and most pressing duty* they have to discharge. I have always felt that there is no lack of willingness among us if we can but effectually call it forth; and that if we can only convince men that the Church needs their increased support, it will be given.

#### PLAN FOR THE INCREASE OF THE MISSION FUND.

In the valuable Report of the Executive Committee which will presently be submitted to you, you will find an important suggestion proposed for the adoption of the Synod, with a view to a more efficient mode of raising the required Mission Fund. Hitherto the amount has always been inadequate to the Church's wants, and the little that has been raised has been collected with difficulty. This has acted as a sore impediment to the effectual sustentation of our existing mission work, and a damper to its progressive character. The plan proposed by the committee will, I trust, be found to accomplish the desired object; but its success will mainly depend upon the vigorous exertions of the clergy and Church authorities, in carrying it out in their respective parishes. The three leading features in it are, that a large aggregate sum may be obtained by small weekly offerings; that these offerings will be made in the House of God as a sacred gift to Him; and that the interest and aid of *every individual churchman* in our various congregations will be enlisted. I long to see the time when, at the close of each year, we shall have a balance in the Church's favor instead of a deficit, and when we shall be in a position to go boldly forward to do the work of the Lord. It seems to me as if there were *this* fault prevailing among us. Whilst our Church looks with a jealous and watchful eye, as she ought to do, on the consistency and individual piety of her actual members, she loses sight of an important part of her mission as the gatherer in of outsiders. Whilst she carefully tends the flock already within her fold, she is not sufficiently anxious to go after the ninety and nine sheep that have no pasturage but in the wilderness. I confidently repeat what I have often said before, that if our Church claims to be a living Church she must and will be aggressive in her efforts to win