

idly advancing towards the unseen—the *Eternal* world. These considerations should induce us to be diligent in improving our fleeting opportunities of usefulness. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." But effort and prayer must go hand in hand. To pray for the spread of the Gospel, and the conversion of the world, when the means requisite to accomplish the work are withheld, is presumption. To give without prayer is to ignore the first great pre-requisite to success—the benediction of the Almighty. "Paul may plant, and Apollos may water, but God giveth the increase." But while the eye is single, and the one grand aim is the glory of God, no labor shall be lost in this sacred cause. No fear of failure need be entertained. "My word shall not return unto me void," saith the Lord. Throughout the whole earth "the wilderness and the solitary places shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." It is God's work. It is based on God's infallible truth—the Bible. This is the tree of life, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations. To plant this tree of life is to be engaged in well-doing of the noblest kind; herein let us not be weary, "for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

The Board presents with pleasure the following remarks forwarded by the Rev. J. C. Pomeroy, secretary of the Bay Quinte Auxiliary Society: "That part of the work entrusted to the care of the Bay Quinte Auxiliary Society has partaken of the general prosperity vouchsafed to the churches through the manifold grace of God; to whom be the glory forever. Amen. The work has been extending, and the cry is still borne back from beyond, come over and help us. The interests of the work have been strengthening, the influence deepening, souls converted to God, and the hearts of the laborers cheered by the promise of an abundant harvest of blessing and grace. We have at present twenty-one mission fields, embracing a large extent of country, employing the labors of twenty-five preachers, about 150 preaching places, and a membership of 1,500 persons, many of them yet desiring the word of life.

"Thus you perceive that as a society we have cause of thankfulness to the Giver of all good for the showers of blessings he hath sent all over our missionary territory. Does it not incite us to renewed effort, greater zeal, and larger liberality? Let us *pray* and *pay* with untiring faith until the *wilderness* shall have become the garden *budding, blossoming, and bearing fruit* to the honor of his great name. We subjoin a short digest of the report of Belle-