

**HERE AND THERE.**—A certain transatlantic Presbytery has resolved this winter to send a deputation to all the congregations within its bounds for the purpose of reminding the people of the importance of the principles which have given rise to divisions in the Presbyterian family. We, too, are visiting all the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with this distinction, however; we go to tell our people that we have buried the hatchet, that we have agreed to let bygones be bygones, and, that, henceforth, we want no controversy but to provoke one another to love and good works. Let us be thankful for this distinction with such a difference. We wish the brethren much success in their winter campaign.

**THE POWER OF NUMBERS.**—A learned lecturer not long since astonished his audience by holding up before them a small piece of black shale, remarking,—“This pound of coal is capable of producing a force that can lift a weight of one hundred pounds to the height of one mile above the earth’s surface.” And from this he went on to calculate the latent power pent up in the undeveloped coal-fields of the world. In like manner we might find representative men in all the Churches who have shewn in a remarkable degree the capacity of “the one-man power.” Luther and Knox among the Reformers; Chalmers and Guthrie among the Preachers; John Williams and Bishop Pattison among the Missionary Martyrs; Wilberforce and Muller, the brothers Haldane and Crossly, among philanthropists; Wesley, Whitefield and Moody among evangelists, not to speak of honourable women, not a few. But who shall attempt to compute from such data the dormant power of the church, or the change that will come over the world when every nominal Christian shall be

found doing with their might, what they can for the good of their fellow-men? If the attempt to convert ornamental office bearers, and dead congregation, and lukewarm individuals, into ardent and useful associations be an arduous task, it is not a hopeless one: at all events it is the life’s work to which every faithful minister stands solemnly pledged, by the help of God, to accomplish.

**SYSTEMATIC GIVING.**—We cannot too soon yield to the conviction that “Systematic giving for Christ’s Kingdom is a necessity of that Kingdom.” The best practical treatise we know of on this subject is a compilation of five essays published some years ago, and since widely circulated, under the title of “Gold and the Gospel.” The writer of one of these essays, the Rev. John Ross of Hackney, London, recently deceased, did perhaps more in his life-time than any other man, by precept and his own example, to commend the gospel of giving, as a divine accessory of the gospel of salvation. But, without any such aid, there is nothing to prevent any minister instituting a system adapted to the circumstances of his congregation, by which every member of his church, rich and poor, may be educated in the duty and privilege of helping on the Lord’s work. The best example to which our short experience at present enables us to point, in illustration of the principle we contend for, is that referred to in another column, where we find one of our congregations, and that by no means the wealthiest, contributing for the Foreign Missions of the Church over \$1000, and for the different branches of its Home Missions not far from two thousand dollars. We recommend those who cannot procure a copy of “Gold and the Gospel,” to send for a copy of the last annual report of Erskine Church, Montreal.