

that largely from the general contributions to its funds. They should be, in our judgment, entirely so met in order that the missionaries themselves may truly feel themselves to be missionaries of the Canadian Church and not of any parish, diocese, or local society or organization. All praise and thanks, however, be to those who failing the acceptance of this the better way, or perhaps through any fault of the Board itself to secure their hearty co-operation, have interested themselves in and raised very considerable sums for these particular missionaries or special foreign work.

From all parts of the Foreign Field there comes the cry for help, and opportunities for the extension of Christ's Church, and the salvation of men, such as never presented themselves before, abound. The great English societies, the S. P. G. and C. M. S. are, with all their means and power, far from being able to meet the demands made upon them. Shall not the Church in Canada either directly through its D. and F. Society or through it acting with the two great societies in England above named, take its part in, and exercise the privilege open to it of, making known widely and more widely still the adorable and loving name of Jesus, and the existence and benefits of His Church by largely increased contributions to this work? The answer to the question and the responsibility rests with each reader of these lines, and with each individual member of the Church in this Province: whilst the final action should be corporate, the possibility of such action rests largely on the individual.

But not only is there the Foreign Mission work to consider; the Society also embraces within its scope the Domestic Mission field: that is the Missionary dioceses of the Northwest and Pacific coast, and its own peculiar missionary diocese of Algoma. Toward the latter the Church in Eastern Canada has endeavored to fulfil—and we feel we may truly say—has fairly fulfilled its obligations. But the claim is made—how rightfully we shall not endeavor to determine—that we have been wanting in that full measure of assistance to the Church in the Northwest which at least *it* expected and asked for. Certainly in several of the dioceses, such as Selkirk, Mackenzie River, New Westminster, great opportunities for Church extension presently exist, and in order to meet these and other like demands the Society needs the *regular systematic* and loving assistance of every member. At the last meeting of the Board of Management it undertook a further distinct obligation toward the Rev. W. G. Lyon, Missionary to the Klondyke, to the extent (we think, not having the figures by us) of \$1,200. It also made a grant for Chinese work, thus recognizing its obligation to meet

the rapidly advancing wave of Heathenism with the blessing of the Gospel, and by converting—if it may be—those coming to our shores, send them back as the best possible missionaries to their fellow countrymen. For these and all like undertakings the Society needs the *individual* assistance of every member of the Church. And in this department, too, of Domestic Missions, we sincerely hope the treasurer's accounts may show a large increase in contributions during the past three years.

Whatever shall be the outcome of the Report which the Board of Management will make of its doings during the past three years, of one thing we feel certain, that there can not be absent the feeling that much more might have been accomplished, that many opportunities have not been availed of through lack of means, and perhaps lack of *faith*, and that there is needed a large outpouring of God's spirit upon each of its members, and on the members of the Society at large to bring home and make each to recognize (1) the call, and (2) the inestimable privilege of helping forward the work of missions, through the more perfect realization of the abounding love of Christ in the personal salvation of each one. When the aspiration contained in these few words

"Lord Jesus, make Thyself to me
A living bright reality,
More present to faith's vision keen
Than any outward object seen,
More dear, more intimately nigh
Than e'en the dearest earthly tie."

is realized there will be,—there could be,—no withholding of means, of exertions, of prayers in behalf of that work which He Himself came to accomplish, "to seek and to save that which was lost," and to complete which He gave to His Church the grand commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Lo, I am with you alway."

AN URGENT APPEAL.

IN January a Native clergyman conducted an eight days' mission at Muirabad, in the North-West Provinces of India. The church was crowded every night, and there seems to have been much blessing. Six of the men in the Rev. T. Russell's Bible-class now go out after their day's work to preach Jesus in the heathen villages. Mr. Russell says:—
"Glad news comes from these villages. The people have been aroused to a sense of sin by the terrible calamities of plague and famine. Through the reading of a tract and Gospel portion given away at the *mela* at Allahabad, a whole village, forty miles from Gorakhpur, has sent an urgent appeal to Mr. Ellwood to go