

PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATION AND LABORERS.

For the Christian Banner.

I see from the last August Number of the Christian Banner that the brethren in Canada had about \$270 in funds, collected for missionary purposes, and that they were so beset with difficulties that they could see no way to expend this money for the purpose for which it was collected. As it is the duty of every brother to give his best advice to parties in difficulty, especially when the difficulty relates to missionary labors which are so very much needed, I expected the pages of the Banner would be crowded with advice to our brethren. But although I carefully examined every Number of the Banner since, I see no one taking any notice of this difficulty; and lest the subject should be lost sight of altogether, it seemed to me that it ought to be called up again for consideration. This state of things in Canada would seem to prove two things; 1st, that the plan by which our brethren attempted to work has proved by experience to be impracticable. This they themselves seem to admit, page 224; and 2nd, that their plan was not the scriptural plan. This may be thought by some to be rather a *hard hit*. Truth sometimes has that tendency (to hit hard.) We may rest satisfied however that the scripture plan (although it may not be free of difficulties) is always practicable, suited to every age and every country. To deny this would be to impeach the wisdom of the Great Lawgiver. We however who are at a distance from the locality where the difficulty has occurred, may not be so able to judge in this matter, for it is one thing to hear of difficulties at a distance, and quite another thing to be placed in the midst of them.

After some consideration it appeared to me, that there are three or four points upon which it would be safe to submit a word of advice for the consideration of our brethren in Canada. First let them once more look their difficulties boldly in the face. James says "resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Let them then examine their men and their armour; perhaps some of these difficulties may turn out to be more imaginary than real. At all events nothing can be done with folded arms. If we meet with difficulties in the discharge of our duty, we must grapple with them with a determination to overcome them if possible. Second, let our brethren in Canada take good care of their dollars; let each church in Canada and everywhere else as often as they can without oppressing the disciples, add a few more dollars to the general fund. I am in hope