

# THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLEMENT.

In Aid of Building Fund of MAIN STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

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## A Few Reasons

From last Month's Symposium,

"Why Build a House of Worship at North End, St. John, N. B."

### BECAUSE

It is needed.  
It is a good field.  
It is God's work.  
It will inspire confidence.  
Present is a humiliating position.  
As a monument to James E. Barnes.  
Success impossible without church house.  
Having begun we must not look back.  
Help a devoted and faithful band of workers.  
It is the greatest present need.  
Help here will assist all other Maritime Province mission points.  
To inspire confidence in the people of neighbourhood regarding permanency of work.  
Important to have prosperous churches in our principal cities;  
St. John is the metropolis of New Brunswick.  
Help a liberal and self-sacrificing people.  
To overcome uncertainty of meetings resulting from hired premises.  
Associations are important—irreligious atmosphere of a public hall.  
Incongruity of placing Word of God on rented pulpit.  
It will be another centre for gospel teaching.  
Shows that we have great principles inciting to service.  
To hasten the day when the mission will be self supporting.  
To save the reputation for faithfulness and earnestness of the people known as Disciples of Christ.

## PRACTICAL SYMPATHY IS SHOWN BY

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## The Time Has Come

For something more than sympathy and good wishes. These have been given and given abundantly. The manifest interest in the North End work as shown by last month's "CHRISTIAN" promises well for the future and is most encouraging, but—these will not pay carpenters' nor builders' wages; neither will they purchase lumber, lime, paint and other necessary material for the Church building.

The faith shown in this mission has been a stimulus to the workers but the time has come when *works* must also make their appearance. "What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith but have not works? can that faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them: go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself." (James ii. 14-17)

The messages from our preachers and mission workers in last month's paper give promise of generous help. Shall these promises be fulfilled? Is the sunshine of a Christ-like love for the spread of the gospel to shine upon this good will and interest so that it may bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God? or is the frost of procrastination or indifference to chill, freeze and kill all these bright and generous signs of prosperity?

In every church there are many men and women who would gladly help the Building Fund of the Main Street Christian Church if the matter were placed before them and an opportunity to contribute given. In order that the "CHRISTIAN SUPPLEMENT" sentiment may be utilized, no time should be lost. Someone, or more than one, in every congregation should act, and that promptly. If you are really in earnest in the desire to securely plant this another centre of gospel light, you should *work*, should work *hard*, should work *hard now*. Will you not do it?

"Every day is a little life, and our whole life but a day repeated. Those who dare lose a day are dangerously prodigal."