

former reduced figure of 70 per cent. of their claim to the still lower figure of 66⅔ per cent. In any case this must bring hardship upon the missionaries; but especially where there are families to provide for must this reduction of the allowance be keenly felt. This is of course a great grief to the General Board of Missions and to the Church at large, but it must be an especial sorrow to the people among whom these ministers labor.

What can be done in so great a trial and emergency? After much consideration the General Board saw no way of relief open but to appeal to the loyal brethren of the Quarterly Official Boards of these missions and to our faithful people on these charges to do their utmost to increase their payments to their ministers, thereby making up for their losses from the Mission Fund, and cheering their hearts and increasing their comfort in their self-denying toil in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The policy of the Board and of the Church has been liberal and enterprising in planting and sustaining missions. It has ever been the effort of our common Methodism to send the Gospel to them that are beyond, and to use the ground we have acquired as a base of extended operations. We must send the Word of Life to them that have it not, and make them partakers of the salvation that has come to our doors. We feel especially we must carry the Gospel to our own fellow-countrymen. Possibly at times, in this conviction and zeal, we have exceeded the bounds of what some would call worldly wisdom and prudence, but we certainly never have even yet come up to the claims of God upon us, or overtaken the demands made upon us by the spiritual needs of our brethren after the flesh. Yet this urgency of effort must often entail upon the missionary much privation and sacrifice, making it necessary in the economy of grace for those whom they serve to come to their help. Especially is this the case in our Canadian Methodism this year; so that while on the one hand we call on all our people for more liberal contributions to the missionary cause, on the other hand we feel it our duty to call especially upon the Quarterly Official Boards of our Domestic Missions and the congregations of our people under their direction, the parties more immediately interested, to take these circumstances into their pious and prayerful consideration, and by the best means in their power increase their contributions and payments to the salaries of their pastors. We urge this upon you in the name of Christ and His Church.

In many cases we feel assured that by careful attention to this important subject, by an intelligent liberality and earnest effort, this noble work can be done. And to such a work gratitude to God, devotion to the interests of our cherished Methodism, and fidelity to our own homes and hearts, invite and incite the brethren and sisters to whom this call is directed.

And it is our sincere prayer that our God may bless you in body and in soul and in every effort put forth for His cause, and make you abound in every good word and work.

Signed, by order and on behalf of the General Board of Missions,

A. CARMAN,
General Superintendent.

A. SUTHERLAND,
General Secretary.

Toronto, Oct. 24th, 1895.

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