

fields, for success, than brethren are aware of. Some missionaries in a short time build up a self-sustaining church. Others in equally promising fields have to be supported for so long a time by the Board, that the burden is great upon the funds of the Church. Complaints are made in particular instances that the missionaries of the Board do not visit us pastors the people of their charge, but live at home in a sort of independence of them, and neither they nor their churches grow. This is indeed lamentable, and we would fain hope, and we do believe, that such instances are rare exceptions to the general rule to the contrary. *Let our pure minds be stirred up by way of remembrance.*

We add an extract from a letter, showing conclusively the duty and happy consequences of faithful pastoral visiting in our missionary fields. This brother hopes that his church in another year will be self-sustaining.

"I have recently visited all the families of the congregation (about fifty in number) and conversed with them on the subject of religion, inquiring into their state, and giving such advice and instructions as seemed proper. Though I have found by this course that there are some things discouraging, I have also found that some are encouraging. I have found a sad neglect of family religion in some families, there being no family-worship and but little family instruction, children ignorant of the catechism, &c. Yet, I have found other families where the family altar is set up on which is offered the morning and evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving. In visiting families of the latter description, I have had my spirits raised, and my heart encouraged. I have also found a number who are not professors of religion, whose minds are more or less impressed with the importance of the subject. One of this description has since in a sudden manner been called from the scenes of time. I scarcely thought, while making pastoral visits, that I was visiting some for the last time; but so it has come to pass in one instance, and it may in others. When shall we learn to converse with our fellow-men as if we were conversing with them for the last time? I believe I was kindly received by every family I visited, at least there was no manifestation of unkindness. I believe that ministers often do themselves and others injustice, by supposing that they shall be received with coldness, if not repulsion. In one family where I anticipated such a reception, I was received with great kindness, and found them in quite an interesting state of mind. By these visits I have become much better acquainted with the families of the congregation than I was before, and they with me; and I think it has tended to strengthen our mutual affection. There has also of late been a perceptible increase of the number who attend upon public worship on the Sabbath."

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