

or to set down content therewith; but from central points to stretch out their exertions on the right hand and on the left. We believe they have been trying to labour in that capacity, some of them pre-eminently; but we entreat them all to consider whether it can be said of them with truth that they have done what they could; and we especially beseech them not to think of relaxing or contracting their endeavours, but rather to renew and augment them. Verily there still is, and will be for very many years, scope and verge enough for an evangelising diffusive ministry throughout Canada, her present settlers not yet by any means sufficiently supplied with religious ordinances, and new settlers ever enlarging and pushing their goings into the forest wilderness, whence the cry for the Gospel will be heard, "Come and help us."

There are three things which we beg leave to mention, and affectionately to urge: 1st. That each minister; and his people acting along with him, and thus cheering him on, and holding up his hands, should often consider what they ought to be attempting for the spiritual advantage of old and young, particularly the latter, in the community where their lot is cast. There are various ways in which they may be thus useful, and do credit to their Christian profession, by "labours of love" for the present and everlasting well-being of those around them, recommended by a holy life and consistency of character. 2nd. Presbyteries should ever be looking on the moral condition and wants of the population within their bounds, and devising, prudent, energetic, and kind plans for spreading the benign light and influence of Christian truth, according as they have opportunity. This is the most effectual method for truly improving the people of a new country, or indeed of any country; for it is thus only that there can be the righteousness of character which alone exalteth a nation, and keeps it up and onward. To act in this way for the good of a country, in a systematic and thorough manner, is one great advantage of Presbyterianism, if rightly worked. Its mode of operation is borrowed and practised even by those who ignore its name. 3d. The Synod should have comprehensive and wisely thought-out schemes for the good of the land. Much of the time at these meetings should be devoted to deliberations about great and momentous objects, and as little of it as possible spent in talk respecting unimportant matters. These should be prayerful, self-loving, Christ-honouring seasons, delightfully occupied in councils which may be blessed for unspeakable benefit to future generations; and ministers and elders should return from them to their respective spheres of action with enlarged views and re-kindled zeal. Thus might it be expected that God would more and more bless us as a church, and make us a blessing.

We would earnestly remind the brethren that for accomplishing such hints as have now been humbly given, it is quite necessary and indispensable that a spirit of fraternal love, sincere unanimity, and hearty co-operation should be maintained and nourished. No doubt it is on account of the great importance of Christian unity, and its propitious bearings on all the great and good objects for which divine Christianity has come to this evil world, that unity of sentiment and action is so strongly pressed upon all who name the name of Christ, and say that they are his property and servants.

The things which have now been brought before the minds of our ministers and people might be powerfully pressed home to the Christian heart. We shall, however, only state two considerations: 1st. The parent church in Scotland, which sent out this mission, and has expended a great deal on it, has a good right to expect that its design shall be unweariedly prosecuted. We may be sometimes faint, but should be yet pursuing, assured that in due time we shall reap, if we do not faint utterly. But 2ndly, what should be a far higher motive than any other, Christ expects that we will be zealous for his interests connected with us in this land. We profess to be on his side, in his contest by the Gospel with the powers of darkness. Let us be faithful and consistent. He tells us that lukewarmness or indifference cannot be allowed; that they who are not really for him actively, are against him. We are assured that