

ing mutual asperities and jealousies,—for removing prejudices, and harmonising sentiments, so that separated brethren could unite in Church fellowship without a sacrifice of principle on either part. Remembering the state of feeling that existed only a few years ago among the now heartily united, who can refrain exclaiming in grateful wonder, “What hath God wrought?” Verily, “the Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad,” and should be most grateful.

And this our gratitude should find outflow in works of faith and labours of love as well as in words. We will be verily guilty, and we will assuredly cause God to keep back precious blessings, if we do not as individuals, as congregations, and as a Church, set about the Lord’s work in a spirit and manner to which we have hitherto been strangers. We have neither felt nor acted as we ought in regard to Christ’s cause on earth. The extension of His kingdom must engross our hearts and engage our hands far otherwise than in days gone by. Let the union be the beginning of days with us, as regards missionary effort. Every individual, young and old, connected with the Church, must do something in the divinely enjoined work of winning souls to Christ. And nothing better can we do to keep ourselves in the love of God, than to become fellow workers with Him in the gospel of His Son. His face will constantly shine on us, and His words of counsel and comfort will ever fall on our ear. Glad we are that the Church has already put her hand to mission work, in the resolve to send, without delay, at least two of her number to preach Christ in the regions beyond the present pale. We do trust that the word of the Lord will ere long go out from the Canada Presbyterian Church to more than one of the many dark lands that yet begloom the world.

Another duty of prime importance devolving on the united brethren, is to cherish and manifest a spirit of mutual forbearance and kindness. Unless this be sedulously attended to, harmony will undoubtedly halt, unseemly and most injurious jarrings will supervene. Sad it would be if such a bright and auspicious morning were succeeded by a gloomy or cloudy day. This can easily be prevented without any sacrifice of principle; simply by “forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.” Of course questions will now and again come up, in regard to which very different sentiments will be entertained. And these sentiments need not be suppressed or disguised. Better far that they be frankly avowed and fearlessly stated. All that is necessary is only to abjure an imperious and dogmatical spirit and manner. To think and let think, to speak and let speak, is the only true policy—the policy that will secure the greatest amount of real peace. Perfect sameness of sentiment on every subject is not to be expected—may we believe this to be unattainable on earth; but if Christian nobility characterize the conduct of brethren, it will be no very long.