

Would it not be wise and proper for our ministers, the pastors of settled congregations, men of talent and experience, to go, two and two, through some of our neglected districts preaching the Gospel and arousing the people to a sense of the importance of their eternal interests?—Visits such as these would be remembered with delight for years. It is impossible to calculate the good results that might flow from them. A step of this sort was adopted twice in recent years with regard to Cape Breton. Portions of country within the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax are not less necessitous. But we believe above all, New Brunswick will require two or more delegations, to visit weak and scattered stations and to pass with no hurried steps through the land. The rich and well organized churches in apostolic times did not retain the continuous services of the Apostles. And so among ourselves; our ministers of apostolic piety, fervor and love should be allowed to spend some weeks every season in evangelistic tours. Who can tell the good effected in Scotland, for example, by the "Apostle of the North!"

Now we appeal to you, rich congregations, rich in possession of Gospel Ordinances, to share with your less favoured brethren. As you cherish the assembling of yourselves together on the Lord's Day—as you love to unite in prayer and praise—as you prize the Word of God and the holy Sacraments, and the ministrations of him who is over you in the Lord—as you honour Christ and desire the salvation of immortal souls—be ready, be willing to give of your abundance to those that lack, to spare the luxury of a few sermons that those may hear who are going down to the pit because there is no one to show them the way to Heaven,

Evangelistic labour is never useless, never wasted although fruit is not always manifest. Nothing can be more refreshing to a minister than to go among those who seldom hear the Gospel and tell them of the Saviour. They listen with earnest attention. They are eager to be instructed; and the preacher can tell the story of the cross with a fluency and a fervour seldom enjoyed even in his own pulpit. His soul is refreshed

while he is refreshing others, and his sense of the preciousness of the Gospel is greatly deepened. If you part with your minister thus for a few weeks for the benefit of others, he will return to you with a double blessing, refreshed in soul if not invigorated in body.

When we speak of your sparing your minister a few weeks, it must be understood that your meetings for public worship are to be upheld by yourselves. Every one can help either by taking part in the proceedings, or by loyally attending in his place just as if the minister were in the pulpit.—A minister cannot with any degree of comfort leave home unless he knows that everything is done decently and in order during his absence.

The most encouraging feature in the present aspect of our church is the gradual strengthening and growth of weak congregations. At least one third of our present charges were receiving aid from other sources within the last fifteen years. It is hoped that two or three will rise every year into the category of self-sustaining congregations, and thus leave room for new names on the *weak* list. The aid we give, whether by sparing our money or our ministers, is not flung uselessly away. It is like good seed sown in good soil, sure to spring up and, by the blessing of Heaven, to produce a rich harvest.

Again we say, Remember the weak and the poor. To do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. You have not much to spare, perhaps: well, do what you can. Remember the weak and the poor members of Christ's body when you pray; remember them kindly when making your thank-offerings to the Giver of all good; and do not forget them when you are finally parting with your earthly substance. At the last day Christ will say to you who have fed the spiritually hungry and clad the spiritually naked,—Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these ye have done it unto me!