

enterprise. And having given that, I can add a prayer to the mite. And if I pray, next year the mite will probably be made two mites.

Unification then has taken place. Not only so, but the Church has resolved to signalize the fact by an advance all along the line. Last year it raised about \$57,000 in all for the work. This year it asks for \$71,000. The increase is not arbitrary. It is demanded by success, and by the quickened conscience of the Church. Instead of six thousand we must spend fully ten thousand in the North-west. The extension of Dr. Mackay's work demands a larger expenditure. We are occupying four centres in Central India, where formerly we had only two. And if the Church gives two or three thousand more than the seventy-one asked for, we can send a colleague with the Annands to the great island of good-omened name, Santo Espirito.

### SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

It is a large sum. Perhaps it is one-tenth as much as is spent for tobacco in the good city of Toronto or Montreal. It is a great sum for one hundred and twenty thousand communicants to raise! It indeed is, when we consider that there are congregations, with two or three hundred members or more, that are not ashamed to send fifty or a hundred dollars or less for this, the great work whose dimensions and magnificence the Church in the nineteenth century is beginning to understand. Why is it so large? Chiefly because of our union. In 1874 we gave one-fourth of the amount. Why is it so small? Chiefly because our people do not know the facts.

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### No. 2.—OUR FIRST MISSION.

Forty years ago, the Church in Nova Scotia decided to embark in the foreign mission enterprise. Take any movement you like and trace it back to the fountain-head, and you find one man there. In this case, the man was John Geddie, a young pastor, then settled comfortably in a charge in Prince Edward's Island, with strong convictions that his church, small, poor and disunited, ought to engage in a foreign mission. The idea was declared chimerical by almost all the leaders of the synod, but the man with convictions conquered. About the same time the Baptists in Nova Scotia sent a missionary to Burmah. In 1847, Mr. Geddie met Dr. Selwyn, the great missionary bishop of New Zealand, at the Samoas, and, writing to the home Church, he says:—"I told him what you had done and what the Baptists had done, and remarked that Nova Scotia was the first of the British colonies to send agents of her own to heathen lands." The bishop was struck, as well he might. Here was a man, after his own heart, who