

Canada has the resources; we could sustain ten times over, all the benevolent enterprize we have in hand. The claims of Christ and of the world upon the means of his people are but little recognized; a tithe only of what they ought to give is given; new views and new practice of this duty are needed. Canada has the men; it is something to believe this. Good men in many of our country parts are ministering to fifty or a hundred people, with other Gospel Ministers around them having congregations a little larger, only keeping up their denominational distinctions. Now, why should not these small congregations to a considerable extent be united? Here are men, many of them doubtless qualified, and with hearts for the work. Send them if they are willing to go; send them to India, where as Dr. Duff said, there are sections of country with 3,000,000 of people without one Missionary. Moreover, we have young men adapted for the special training needed for the mission field: and how full of interest and incitement would be tidings and reports from Missionaries known to us, and gone out from us,—our brothers and our sons; and our anniversaries too; all stimulative, and effective, as we think, of an amount of aid to the cause not likely otherwise to be attained. We know that Britain and America with one language, one Bible and one command to preach the Gospel to every creature, are the Missionary nations. Now Canada has with the one a political, and with the other a geographical connection, and as the daughter of the one and sister of the other, would she not be in her proper place side by side with them nationally and independently, but always harmoniously acting on the Mission field? Let Canada, therefore, have her Foreign Missionary Society.

Again we say Catholic, because Christ's command to his people is to be one in heart, and when engaged in the fulfilment of his other command to go into the world, &c., they should be one in manifestation. Perhaps the great Missionary Institutions have been too denominational; perhaps they have not fully shown that they are one, that the world might believe that Christ had sent them. Denominational boundaries, so far as they break the oneness of Christ's people, and obstruct their union, should be broken down. In the work of Missions, if anywhere, let them not be seen. As an embodiment, therefore, of the Union of Christians in Canada, let our Society be Catholic.

Influenced by these views, a Meeting composed of the members of various denominations, named as this Committee a representative of each of ten congregations in this City. They unitedly commend the matter to the prayerful consideration of their brethren in Montreal and in the country. Several of them will seek subscriptions to the object here, and friends not resident are respectfully requested to remit their contributions to HENRY VENNOR Esq., Montreal.

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