

common interests and common feelings, and the fruit will be, with but a few exceptions, a zealous and affectionate pastor, an harmonious and attached people, an expanding Church, a vital Christianity, a beautiful and as perfect a realization as we can have of the Church on earth.

When we have perfected organization for paying our minister, and begun to feel that our task is not only an easy, but also a pleasing and useful one, as a Church of Christ we feel that we ought to do more. We will begin to look around us and enquire what others are doing in this important field, and be anxious to share in this honorable labor. We have overcome one difficulty, and found the difficulty to result in a pleasure. May there not be a pleasure higher and purer, because more disinterested, though not so immediate and imperative? Are there none of our brethren in poor and scattered settlements, too few to support a minister themselves, yet anxious to have the bread of life broken among them? The staff of our ministry must be recruited; we have young men in our midst, with zeal, talent and piety, ready and anxious to devote themselves to the noble work. We have no great seminary of education, but by a little united exertion we can send them to one of the great seats of learning in dear old Scotland, from which so much that is good and great has already come. We cannot shut our hands when so noble a scheme is presented to us. We feel that we ought and we willingly and cheerfully do our share.

"Go preach the Gospel to all nations," said our Saviour. An active organized church will not bear these sacred words, without an earnest and immediate response. Why? Because she has found that giving does not impoverish,—that the amount, when given regularly and given by all is small to insignificance to individuals, but in the aggregate a great and noble sum. Let us illustrate our idea by an example. The adherents of the Church of Scotland in this Synod are about 15,000, or say 3,000 families. Some are rich, not a few are poor, but the great mass are in what may be called comfortable circumstances. If each family, by means of organization, could be brought to contribute, say two dollars a year, to religious objects, exclusive of supporting a minister, what a world of good might be effected by this large sum! Break it down among the schemes, and let us see what it might do. With it we could support three active missionaries at home, at £150 each. We could keep at least six students at College, giving each £40 pounds a year. We could send two missionaries abroad, to preach the Gospel in foreign lands. We could give assistance to the extent of £300 a year to weak congregations. We could pay £200 a year into a widow and orphans' fund, and have something over for contingencies. What a result, and how comparatively insignificant the individual effort!

Ten shillings a year to a family—and if it consists, as we believe is pretty nearly the average, of five individuals, it will be to each person one-half penny a week. There is not one so mean, none so poor, as to

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