

Our Commission.

CHRI^ST has given the Church a Commission to go into all the world, to preach the Gospel to every creature. The General Assembly of a sister Church expresses thus the thought we wish to convey :

“The Presbyterian Church in this country has planted itself, from the beginning, on the clear and broad doctrine of Scripture, that this world is yet to be converted to Christ, and that the forces already brought into requisition in the divine economy are all that are needful to the securing of that grand result. The Presbyterian Church believes that in His written Word God has revealed all the truth that is essential to the enlightenment and salvation of our humanity. The Presbyterian Church believes that the Spirit of God is potent enough and gracious enough to justify the largest anticipations in respect to the ultimate regeneration of mankind. The Presbyterian Church believes that the living Church, as established by Christ, contains within itself, under the divine guidance and quickening, all the agencies and resources requisite to the final evangelization of the whole earth. And on these cardinal verities of the Scripture the Presbyterian Church, discouraged by no outward obstacles, daunted by no burdens, now and always plants itself in this great missionary work. By these it justifies the offering up of its means and the sacrifice of its beloved sons and daughters on this altar. In them it hopes and acts and prays, and in them it will ever hope and act and pray for the coming of a kingdom that shall be righteousness, and joy, and peace in the Holy Ghost, and that shall increase and extend until it has filled the earth.”

ALL THE WORLD !

Yes, all the world. A very large part of the world comes by a peculiar right under our care. We are the “Presbyterian Church in Canada.” Our special field embraces from Newfoundland to British Columbia. No one Presbyterian, no one congregation, can live a life of selfish isolation. We have a common cause. All through the great moral desert of Quebec, the call is “Come and help us.” In the Prairie

regions of the Great West, the pioneer is waiting for us and expecting us. We have a commission to the dwellers by the sounding sea, and to the lonely explorers of the forests. Our manifold interests are one and the same.

PATRIOTISM.

The faithful Israelite loved every hill and vale, and lake, and stream of his beautiful heritage. While each tribe and family had an allotted share, there was a high sense in which the whole land belonged to all. And so with us. Half a continent is ours, and we are called to possess it in the name of the Lord. Our beloved and beautiful land, so rich, so vast, so free, has been given to us by God. As Christian patriots we must do our share in evangelizing it. He is but a poor blind lover of his country who neglects the claims of the Gospel. Our highest duty is to do what we can to plant the goodly tree of Christianity besides all waters, so that its shadow may fill the land. You help to establish and bless your country, by every dollar you give towards the work of evangelization. What do you purpose in your heart to do this year, 1879, for the cause of God in this Dominion ?

OUR CHURCH'S WORK.

Every one can do a little towards advancing every part of the Church's work. The *Record* tells you of our Home Missionary operations : you naturally ask, How can I help our Home missions ? The *Record* makes mention of our Colleges, you then enquire, Can I help our Colleges to do their work ? You come to French Evangelization, and are prompted to the same enquiry. You find letters from the New Hebrides, from Trinidad, from the North West, from Formosa, from India, and in every case, you find that you are a fellow-labourer in all these fields, or that you are invited to become such. You can aid by your prayers, your kind words, and your contributions. The poorest man or woman in connection with our Church can help to carry forward to glorious success all the Church's enterprises.