

responsibility, danger, justification, adoption, sanctification ; to sin and holiness ; to repentance, faith, hope, love, humility, obedience ; to heaven and to hell, in the unimagined heights of glory in the one, and the unfathomed depths of misery in the other ; such themes have always proved a fruitful source of glory to God and salvation to men. To hold in abeyance the primary articles of the Christian faith, is to prepare for a falling away into error and sin. Churches have sunk into the coldness of Unitarianism, rather from the absence of the glowing exhibition of the attracting cross, than from the formal enunciation and defence of heretical dogmas. Most heartily do we rejoice, that the precious seed of the Kingdom is largely sown among the Churches in Canada. We have not even the suspicion, that any deal with a slack hand in sowing the seed. The ambition is, to have a large breadth under crop. In the morning the seed is sown, and in the evening the hand is not withheld. It may be done under discouragements, but he that observeth the wind shall not sow ; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. Instant in season and out of season, it is needful that the word be preached ; and in due season the songs of harvest home will be sung. Rapid growth and speedy returns are not always granted. Patience to labour, and faith to wait, are generally required. Sixteen years of toil were spent by the Missionaries in Tahiti, ere the first fruits of Polonesia were gathered. Seven barren years were spent, before Moravian zeal planted successfully, sweet Sharon's rose, on the sterile shores of Greenland. The experience of faithful labourers in some of our mission stations, may have been "hope deferred." Nevertheless, we are not justified in concluding that this labour has been in vain. God's harvest-day is coming. "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater : so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth : it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it." The remark of a good man, to an Infidel while boasting that his Sunday corn had been most prolific,—“God does not settle his accounts in September”—involves a principle worthy of remembrance in connection with work for God, *the day* will declare it. Let us not antedate the day of reward—many a corn of wheat that has fallen into the ground and seemed to die will on *that day* be found to have yielded an increase to be gathered into the garner of God. Faithful workers shall receive good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over into their bosom.

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#### COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Churches of the Congregational order in this Province, owe much, under God, of their present position to the fostering care of the Colonial Missionary Society. The connection of our own Missionary Society with it, is close and confiding ; in fact there exists a sort of Siamese-twin relationship. The operations, therefore, of the Society, whether in plans emanating from the committee-rooms in the great heart of the empire, or in details of successes, trials, and future expectations from the stations in the far-spread and widely-sundered fields of effort, are full of interest, suggestion, and encouragement to us. The prosperity of one spot awakens no envious jealousy ; the sterility of another meets with no