

shall be to attend to this business—a business of the most vital importance to the cause of Christ, and one that merits the highest talents and the most devoted zeal that the Church can command. No position in “the household of faith” would be more onerous and honorable than that of such an Agent. He would have ample opportunity to preach the Gospel, when visiting the Churches, and of reminding them affectionately of their duty as deep debtors to Jesus. The visits of an able and devoted Agent would be hailed alike by the Ministers and members of our congregations; and it would belie all experience if liberality were not thereby largely increased. Nor would this be all. Not only the results of the past, but the language of divine promise warrants the expectation that if a congregation give willingly, and according to their circumstances liberally, for the spread and maintenance of the Gospel, peace and spiritual prosperity will abound among the members. On this we need not dilate. Read Malachi, iii. 10. Then most apparent it is, that whatever instrumentality will best promote the enlightened, loving, and grateful liberality of believers, the Church is bound in duty to employ. That instrumentality, in the now enlarged condition of our Church, we and others firmly believe to be the appointment of an Agent, selected from the host of the Church’s able and zealous servants, whose entire time and energies shall be devoted to the work of carrying on the several schemes of the Synod. Confident we are that such a step would be the beginning of better days to that section of the Church to which we belong. Indeed it appears to us that the appointment of an Agent has become a necessity if we would go forward, in obedience to the marching orders of the Captain of our salvation, and possess those portions of the land that invite our entrance by their very destitution. To continue much longer without an efficient Agent, or the adoption of some more successful means than we have hitherto employed for strengthening our stakes and lengthening our cords, will be tantamount to declaring that we are content not to wax, but to run the imminent risk of waning in the land. *Let such fact and such feeling be far from us. Our watchword must be onward*, and our patent duty is to adopt without delay the likeliest means for the securement of the Church’s vigor and advancement—means the efficiency of which has been tested by others for many years past, and the more general and confident employment of which is markedly on the increase.

It is probable that some good and worthy men, trysted with excess of caution, may object to the appointment of an Agent on the score of *cost*. This objection will at once vanish, we think, when looked at in the light of experience. Would the Bible Society and the various Missionary Societies, that so honor Britain and benefit the world, have been aught better than the ghosts of what they are, but for the ceaseless efforts of their salaried Agents? The Canadian Bible Society has, within the last few years, seen fit to employ two additional Agents. Such a step its worthy committee had never taken but with the design, and having something like the certainty, of increasing the resources and thereby widening