

direct missionary work. But, bearing in mind the heavy calls upon the Church Missionary Society, from countries where the people are not by tens or hundreds but in their thousands and millions, I feel that we ought not, in this scantily populated country, to draw on the Society's resources more than is absolutely needful. I think that, to some limited extent, our Missions should be worked on self-supporting principles. I think that this may also be applied most suitably in meeting this exigency of our direct spiritual work, the feeding of those who when hungry and destitute so often come to our Missions, making us feel that in laying before them the Gospel Message if we would say depart in peace and our teaching is to profit them, their bodies must be warmed and filled. I think, if we bear this as the object of our work in mind and coupling with it that beautiful Gospel maxim "Whatsoever ye do do all to the glory of God"—1. Cor. x. 31., we shall feel that raising potatoes, cultivating barley and catching fish is a part, it may be a humbler, part but essentially a part of that Missionary work God has called us to do in this country. Why should we shrink from what has been cheerfully accomplished by those devoted servants of God, the Moravian Missionaries? or allow ourselves in this matter to be put to shame by our brethren in Africa where, while suffering all the depression and enervating influence of burning sun and frequent attacks of fever, have yet combined with their spiritual activities numberless duties of material character gardening, carpentering, cooking, building, etc., As one reads their journals we cannot help wondering that human nature could in so unhealthy and trying a climate and with death constantly staring them in the face accomplish so much. Compare our surroundings, a healthy country a cool and pleasing climate, our hardships in comparison hardly worthy the name. Is it not a nobler thing to follow in the footsteps of our great leader in the Missionary field, St. Paul, who laboured with his own hands at the uninteresting and arduous work of a tent-maker (Acts xviii 3,) that he might not be a too heavy burden on the Church, than to dip our hands to the fullest extent we can into the Church Missionary Society pockets.

If the review of our work is not encouraging and if the outlook is doubtful, there is all the more reason to strengthen ourselves in God. Since it does not please God to let us deal with masses of men yet in bringing us into constant contact with individuals let us seek to make the best use of individual opportunities. Let us animate ourselves with the divine assurance "he which converteth the sinner from the errors of