

is not only to stimulate liberality, but also to increase the membership at a more rapid ratio than we increase the ministry—to enlarge our constituency—to make progress—to keep on reforming—to aim at removing obstructions out of our way.

Other points in the report are worthy of notice. In one chapter, the advantages of mission associations in each congregation for collecting funds, and of publishing yearly financial reports, are wisely and earnestly set forth; in another, the importance of building manse, buying glebes of 10 acres, and of paying off church debts is urged; in a third, the question of psalmody and worship is fairly noticed. "Congregational singing, upon the whole," the Report says is very imperfectly conducted. In too many many cases there is at once a want of harmony and heartiness." It urges the formation of weekly *praise meetings*—a good idea. There is further a good history of the "Clergy Reserves," and of the state of the fund at the present time. Sabbath Schools, Colleges, prayer meetings, and Sabbath collections come in for a share of attention. Of Union with other Presbyterians, the Agent is not very sanguine. Of the desirableness of such a Union he says, "there cannot be two opinions," but of its practicability, "all are not agreed." He thinks "that wisdom and sound policy alike dictate that for the present the proposition be held in abeyance, and that with united energies we, one and all, should apply ourselves to developing and utilizing the untold resources which lie dormant in our congregations."

Of aid derived from the mother church, the Report gives a full and grateful account, from which it appears that the munificent sum of \$32,425 has, during the past five years, been expended by the Colonial Committee for the benefit of the church and college in Canada. The mother is certainly not unmindful of her daughter. Had our mothers treated us in this generous way, our difficulties would have been less, and our progress greater than they have been.

From this review of the contents of this able Report we hope that it will be deemed worthy of a place in the libraries of our ministers, elders and members. It is neatly got up and sold at the moderate cost of fifty cents. It cannot fail to be of real service to all who feel interested in the progress and work of the church of Christ in Canada. Out of its facts every one may learn lessons of wisdom.

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