

did our Lord's servants recognise His claims upon them—upon their time, their service, their substance, the labour of their hands, the produce of their fields, their flocks, their fisheries, their merchandize,—there would be no lack of means. But Christians, many of them at least, do not readily recognize the just claims which their Lord and Master has upon them. Hence they have to be stirred up to the fulfilment of their obligations. Hence the need of moving appeals to provoke them to love and good works, for it has come to be believed that the collections, the gatherings of funds, will not be very successful without them. These appeals, then, are as old as the times of St. Paul, and have many scriptural warrants. But even this Apostle could show "a more excellent way." He taught his converts to lay by them in store as God had prospered them. He taught them to give on principle, religiously and systematically; to set apart at certain times, a certain measure of their gains or income as holy unto the Lord, to be used for the promotion of His cause, the extension of His Kingdom. And this recommendation of St. Paul can never become obsolete. The practice of it, it is humbly conceived, is just what is needed in our day.

The Missionary operations of the Society have continued, during the past year, to demand a large share of the attention and efforts of the Board. So exclusively have the efforts of the Board tended in this direction, that they have considered it necessary to announce publicly that no reliance must be placed on their ability to make hereafter the grants generally looked for for Church building, although this is one of the special objects of the Society's incorporation. Since their last Report was rendered, an additional Mission has been opened of which the head-quarters are at Acton, a place of rapidly increasing importance, and where a constant accession to the population is caused by the mining operations carried on in the immediate neighborhood. The stations of