

deteriorating influence in this matter, but rather act upon the principle that liberality shown toward the cause of the Lord will be abundantly rewarded with manifold blessings from the Lord. If you be willing, then, only to open your hearts for this, I assure you your hands will always find something to give. Remember that the two mites which the poor widow cast into the treasury of the Lord was all that she had—all her living. Our devoted missionaries must get their wants supplied; they are men like yourselves, and must be fed and clad like you; and this cannot be done for nothing. Now, would it not be a lasting scandal upon that branch of the Christian church in this province to which we belong, for it to be said that we sent our missionary to teach and preach the gospel to the heathen, yet we gave him inadequate support for doing this—that we found no difficulty in getting plenty of money for carrying on our own pleasures and amusements here, yet it was an impossibility to get but a very little for him, in his far-off difficult, and perhaps dangerous field of labour? Away with such a spirit and such thoughts, for they are not christian; nor do I imagine that any of you will for an instant cherish them. Feel yourselves called upon by God to work for His glory, and you will all, I am convinced, heartily do so,—remembering that “the laborer is worthy of his hire,” (Luke x: 7.), and that “he that giveth but a cup of cold water to a disciple, in the name of a disciple, will not lose his reward,” (Matt. x: 42.) As God has blessed each of you, then, with worldly increase, let me exhort you to show your gratitude to Him by giving Him back a portion of what is his own, in this way,—and thus you are opening up a greater channel between Him and you, through which He may in future the more abundantly bless you,—for it is only upon those who love and serve Him heartily and faithfully in the gospel of His Son, that He does confer His richest and best blessings in largest measure and fullest abundance. Look upon this special mission now about to be sent to the heathen as your own mission, for it is the branch of the Christian church in the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion to which we belong that has resolved, as an obligation it owes to God and its fellow man, to send it,—nor are we doing more in this respect than many of the other branches of the Christian church around us are doing, for most of them have their missionaries labouring in heathen lands, and we have resolved also to labour in this now barren field, and try to reclaim it into a portion of the Lord’s vineyard along with them; and as we thus water others, so will we be watered ourselves with the dew of God’s grace. I should have been very much pleased indeed to have introduced to you to-day our first missionary—the Rev. Mr. Goodwill, who is about to proceed soon to the South Sea Islands, and for whose sake this meeting was called; but the present heavy snow storm, in all probability, prevented him from being here. Although he is a stranger personally to you and me, yet he is held in very high esteem by the ministers and people of our Synod, who have the pleasure and advantage of being acquainted more intimately with him; and this I learn through the *Missionary Record* of our Church, for in a recent number I read to this effect—that one of our most able ministers said, after Mr. Goodwill had intimated his willingness to go as our foreign Missionary to the heathen, that if he had been called upon to choose such a Missionary from the members of the Synod, Mr. Goodwill would probably have been the one he would have chosen to go. And in regard farther to Mr. Goodwill and his work, I refer you to the 36th page of the last number of the *Missionary Record*. After this, and the very high esteem in which he is held in the Church, you can be in no doubt about the character and ability of the gentleman you are sending; and, being assured of this, I hope that it will be the means of making you all exert yourselves the more in his behalf, and thus you will strengthen his hands and encourage his heart when he finds you thus so much interested in him, and in this work of the Lord in which he is about to be engaged. But above all things, let your most fervent prayers be regularly and frequently