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ANOTHER MISSIONARY OUTLOOK.

In the watch-tower which we occupy for the present distress, there are windows looking every way. One overlooks our own beloved Canada; another, the great land to the southward; and another opens a view across the sea, to our native country. At one or other of these we stand and look longer than at all the rest.

In respect to the present condition of our Missionary affairs, we must confess ourselves to belong to the family of Mr. Facing-both-ways. That is, not in the bad sense of pretending to believe in opposites, or vibrating between them, but in the sense of having a warm regard to both parties, and a desire to see them co-operate for their mutual good, and, moreover, of seeing that all of the truth and all of the right does not lie with either. We may displease both, but being in a position in which we are required to speak, we will speak our honest thought, and leave it with our brethren and the Master.

Since we wrote on our Missions, in August last, several communications have appeared on the subject. We have heard again from Mr. Poore, and free utterance has been given to the thoughts of such as have felt themselves moved to write in reply. It seems time for us to take another outlook, and give some answer to those who say, "Watchman, what of the night?"

And first, a word at home. We cannot help observing, that in much that has been said against the course pursued by the Colonial Missionary Society and its Secretary, it has seemed to be tacitly assumed that on this side there has been little or nothing that has been faulty or wrong; that churches and pastors have done their utmost; and that the only parties to be blamed are the brethren in England. Our correspondents do not say this in so many words—perhaps they do not hold it; but their silence on any Canadian shortcoming, and their vehemence against the Society's course, make it very difficult not to draw such an inference. Now, we do not think that this is according to the facts of the case. Missionary aid has been reluctantly given by Committees, in certain instances, not on account of the absolute inability of the people, but "for the hardness of their hearts." Throughout the