

world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" With these plain declarations of God's word, as to the duty of Christians to supply the spiritual wants of their destitute brethren, how comes it to pass, that the Church people of this great city do so little for the cause of Missions?

I have visited most parts of the Diocese for the Church Society, and every where I have heard the same complaint; and, as one of the city Clergy, I was compelled to acknowledge that the complaint was a *just* one. In this city we number some 14,000 Churchmen; and what did they all contribute last year to the Church Society? I made the calculation to day, before coming to this meeting, and I am sorry to say, my lord, that it was only some \$967. I do not think that our people are deficient in Christian principle, or in readiness to help their fellow men, when they are convinced that they need their help. A few months ago, I stood on the platform of the St. Lawrence Hall, in behalf of the General Hospital in this city, advocating the claims of that excellent institution. On that occasion the trustees asked the people of Toronto for \$4,000. The answers to that appeal made by Churchmen, in common with their fellow citizens, was between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

But I *do* think, my lord, that Churchmen in this city need *information* in regard to the destitution of their brethren. Few of them know that in this diocese eighty-five out of the one hundred and fifty townships in it are destitute of a resident minister, although there are large numbers of Church people scattered through them all. Your Lordship addresses appeals to your people in behalf of your destitute children, and those appeals are printed in the *Church Chronicle*; but that paper reaches *few* families, and is perused by few readers. The consequence is, that the contributions of Churchmen in this city are so very small.

Again, I am afraid that our people do not *realize*, as they ought to do, the *great blessings* they enjoy. They are bestowed on them, and they receive them as matters of course. Not to speak of the many spiritual blessings which they enjoy, I would call the attention of this immense meeting, very briefly, to the blessings of health, peace and prosperity, vouchsafed to us. Whilst other countries have been suffering from the ravages of pestilence, we have been mercifully spared that awful scourge; and, as a community, have enjoyed most excellent health for many years.

The great blessing of peace is one which we now realize the value of more than we did some years ago. I am not a young man; but I have no recollection of war in this land, and but few in this assembly have any recollection of it.

But who amongst us has not read, and who has not shuddered, as he read, the fearful accounts that our daily papers brought us during the four years' war that raged so fiercely in the great country that lies south of us.

An American Clergyman, now on this platform, was my guest, when we heard of the battle of Bull's Run, which, you may remember, was the first heavy disaster that befel the northern arms. The news was most painful to my friend. For a long while he said little; and I did not like to break upon his silence, as I felt that his breast was full. At last, however, he broke silence with this striking