

and our condemnation all the more terrible, in case of neglect and failure? If it hath pleased God, within our own sphere, to constitute us "the salt of the earth", then with what earnestness ought we ever to strive to preserve our seasoning", lest losing it, and so being fit for nothing else, we be cast out, and trodden under foot of men. Our position and our duty are inseparably connected. We are a city set on a hill which cannot be hid. Our duty is to let our light so shine that men seeing our good works may glorify our Father in heaven. Every congregation of the Church should feel and act, as if the honour of the Redeemer and the prosperity of His cause in the world were committed to its single keeping: and so also should every individual member of the Church,—for this is literally true, both of single congregations and individual members, within their own proper sphere of activity and to the extent of their influence.

We have just entered upon a new era in our history as a Church. By the good hand of our God upon us, O, let it be a glorious era! Let us strive earnestly to enter on a new career of holiness, love, self-denial, and christian activity. Let our prayers ascend to God, in faith in the name of Christ, and without ceasing, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us—as a Church—as congregations—and as individuals, that His own saving work may appear in our midst,—that a time of refreshing may be granted to His people, till the weak become as David, and David as the Angel of the Lord. It is then, and then only, that we shall be able to fulfil our mission, and rise to the true grandeur of our position, as the sons of God—the salt of the earth—the light of the world; it is then that we shall all be able to go forth, as one man, with one heart—animated by the same spirit, warmed by the same love, fired by the same zeal, guided by the same counsel, and made strong by the same power—to the great field of Christian warfare—to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. It is thus only that our Church, as of old, shall look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, terrible as an army with banners!

SCHEMES OF THE CHURCH; COLLECTIONS.

The following Collections are to be made in every congregation of the Church before the next meeting of Synod:

1. For Theological Education.
2. For the Synod Fund.
3. For Home Missions.
4. For Foreign Missions.

The following is the deliverance of the Synod on this subject, as found on page 29 of the printed Minutes: "It was agreed that collections be taken for the different schemes of the Church in all the congregations of the body *and that the time and mode of raising these be left to the decision of the Sessions.*"

We trust that the Sessions will bear in mind this very serious responsibility that devolves upon them. It is well always to take *prompt* action. Do not let the Lord's claims fall behind the claims of every body else. Collections should always be in the hands of the proper treasurers a month before the meeting of Synod.

The object of the Collection for Theological Education is to "support the Theological Seminary at Truro and to pay the Current Expenses of the College at Halifax." "Rev. Messrs. McCulloch and William Murray were