

Lord's money is. Every cent in your purse, dear reader, every dollar in the bank, every sum represented by securities of whatever kind your vault locks up is the Lord's money. Ye are not your own, and the earth is the Lord's, and your money proves no exception. The Lord wants some for your comfort. He asks some for His languishing work. Why should His mission treasury be empty this season of the year? Why should St. Thomas Church stagger under its first endeavours? Why should ten per cent. kept back from the small and inadequate stipends of our mission pastors be a necessity? *The Lord wants some of His own.*

Mr. HALL has been "ordered" till the end of the year to Woodstock and Sarnia, and to Halifax for the first three months of the new year. This for economy and for work. The Executive feel that the funds will not allow permanently the expenditure of, say fourteen hundred dollars per annum, for simply visiting purposes, and that the time has come when our Superintendent will be called upon to concentrate efforts in particular localities. For the next six months these localities are Sarnia, Woodstock and Halifax, in which latter place we hope to resuscitate our disbanded church.

THIS disposition of Mr. Hall's services will take him from our missionary meetings. We therefore earnestly impress upon associations and pastors the urgent necessity of thoroughly arranging for missionary collections and meetings. One of our pastors recently surprised some of his people on Sunday morning by announcing that he had no sermon to preach, but intended to talk about Christian giving and our denominational schemes. Perhaps the example is worth following. At any rate our people ought to be made thoroughly cognizant of our needs and of their responsibilities.

BRETHREN, do not forget
 Our missionaries, home and foreign;
 Our college;
 Our specially needy and struggling churches;
 Our Provident Fund for age and orphanage;
 Our general need and individual responsibilities.

And the Lord give you understanding in all things.

WE may be pardoned for thanking our contemporaries, the *Christian Guardian* and *Canada Presbyterian*, for their appreciative notices of our published address as chairman of the Union. We trust ever to live with them in Christian unity; and we value more than praise for eloquence the tribute paid by the *Globe*, which, being brief, we shall take the liberty of transcribing:

The Rev. John Burton, of this city, has done well to print, as requested, the address which, as Chairman, he delivered at the late meeting of the Congregational Union in Hamilton. Like all Mr. Burton's utterances it is frank, outspoken, moderate and manly. It seeks to set forth in few words the Polity and Work of Congregationalism, and it does so with perfect fairness and perfect frankness. Every reader will, of course, have to judge for himself how much of it he can endorse, how much he must repudiate. But about the becoming spirit by which it is characterized throughout there can be no doubt whatever.

Fairness and frankness we esteem as true Congregational virtues. With a comprehensive sympathy, we are not tempted to bitterness.

OUR contemporary *The Week* has entered a plea for Poundmaker, who is now undergoing his sentence of three years' imprisonment for his part in the late rebellion. We cordially endorse the plea. Riel, the murderer of poor Scott, and at least the figure-head of the late offending, has an entire community on his side; but the Indian chief, whose lands we have appropriated, who knows little of our ways, our laws or our language, who confessedly did restrain his men from perpetrating excessive violence, who was attacked with cannon, gatling, cavalry and rifle *on his own reserve*, whither he had led his braves, and who has been condemned by a court he could no more understand than he could unravel Newton's "Principia," has had hitherto none so poor as to do him reverence. For our own part we are ashamed of such injustice, and firmly believe a free pardon to Poundmaker would be at once more humane and politic than a respite to Riel.

THE mention of Riel seems to demand a word. He has been tried by the laws under which he was reared. What he did was done with full knowledge of liability.