

when the sleep of death begins to creep over him, the friendly hand that comes to relieve him is repulsed, and he prays to be let alone. But is that a reason why he should be left to perish? Is not the very fact of his willingly yielding himself to destruction fitted to awaken our concern, and animate our exertions for his rescue? And so it is our peculiar duty, when souls are perishing and regardless of their danger, to exert ourselves in saving them from impending destruction. "Of some have compassion making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire."

Feelingly alive to the spiritual destitution which prevails within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston, our congregation have formed themselves into a society for the purpose of raising funds to assist the Presbytery in supporting one or more Missionaries to visit their destitute settlements with the Gospel of peace. The rules and regulations of the Society are as follows: viz.

*Rules and Regulations of The St. Andrew's Church Missionary Society, Cobourg.*

1. That the Society shall be called The Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg.

2. That the object of the Society shall be to raise funds to assist in supporting one or more Missionaries within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston, and for other religious purposes, connected with the Church.

3. That all persons subscribing a penny or upwards, monthly, shall be members of the Society.

4. That the business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Committee of Nine, and that Five shall constitute a quorum.

5. That the Committee shall meet quarterly, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

6. That the Committee shall divide the congregation into sections, and appoint one or more collectors for each section, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions and receiving the same, and that they pay over the sums thus received to the Treasurer at least one week before the Quarterly Meeting.

7. That the subscriptions raised by the Society shall be applied, in the first instance, to the support of one or more Missionaries within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston; and that the surplus funds, if any, after paying over a fair proportion to the Presbytery's Treasurer, shall be disbursed under the direction of the Committee.

8. That the Society shall hold an Annual Meeting on the Monday after the summer Communion, when the Committee shall give a report of their proceedings during the past year, and new office-bearers and a committee shall be appointed for the succeeding year.

The financial scheme which we have adopted is similar to that which is now in operation in Scotland, for raising funds to build Churches and Schools. We have assumed that there are two hundred persons, young and old, in the congregation who are able and willing to contribute something for Missionary purposes. I mention the young particularly, because some parents have put down their childrens names for *one penny* a month, although some of them are not many months old, and to shew you the interest felt in it by the young, a little girl the other day told me that she had already put past her penny for the Society, which she would give to the collector when he came round next month.

Proceeding upon the supposition, that there are two hundred persons in the congregation, who are able and disposed to give as follows, it will be evident that more may be raised in this way, and by a more equalized contribution, than what could be expected from ordinary public