

unoccupied, especially the south-eastern shores of the province from Halifax to Canso, comprising a space of 150 miles, in many places thickly settled. We greatly need more of the messengers of the Gospel to send on the important errand of winning souls to Christ where the word has scarcely ever been preached. The Lord only can supply this want, but it greatly behoves the churches to cry earnestly to the Lord of the harvest—to pray for the souls of those who are about to perish—and not to be niggardly of their worldly means in contributing to the great cause of Missions. Our churches are as yet almost in a deep sleep as to the importance of this measure. But have not, we had almost said, the whole of our churches sprung up from missionary efforts, and are we not at every returning Association receiving accessions to our numbers which are the fruits of such labours. One of the most effectual means, and one that we would warmly recommend to our churches, is the formation of Mite Societies among the female members. On reference to the Minutes of the year 1819, we observe that from such societies alone in the counties of Annapolis, Lunenburg, Cumberland, and Kings, the Missionary Board received the sum of £67 17s. 6½d.—within £10 or £12 of the whole amount of missionary contributions from all the churches for the present year, altho their number is nearly doubled since that time. Let it not be said that, as our numbers increase, our love of souls diminishes.

The subject of Foreign Missions is one that in our present state we can hardly venture to speak on, and yet we feel deeply convinced that in proportion as we “water others we shall ourselves be watered,” and it has ever been found that, where a lively feeling for the lost and destitute state of the Heathen world has pervaded any religious society, in the same degree has there been an increased spirit of devotion among its members, and Christian liberality, instead of impoverishing, has ever been evidently blessed of God in the increase of temporal means. We are highly pleased to observe in the letter from the Horton church that a society has been formed there, in aid of the Burman mission, and we shall gladly hail every event of this kind as a token that the Lord is about pouring out on us not only a greater spirit of liberality and the means of supplying it, but also a deeper and more fervid feeling of genuine piety.

The increase and growing popularity of Temperance societies was a source of unmingled satisfaction to the assembled brethren, and it is no small credit to the denomination that they have so generally and decidedly come forward and led the way in a cause of moral reform, which so deeply involves the temporal and spiritual interests of society. We would solemnly call on every friend of Temperance, to persevere in pursuing a straight and undeviating course through evil and good report, that they may be able by “well doing to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.” It is a cause in which the numerous impediments that oppose its course in this province, can