

all arguments to the contrary notwithstanding. The question is, will these bear the fire? If giving is a duty, then the law and the gospel bearing on its discharge, ought as much to form a part of its teaching, as the inculcation of the duty of watchfulness and prayer.

In this age of "The Race for Riches," is there not danger in the path of the Lord's people, lest they should be carried away in the excitement, and fall into foolish and hurtful lusts? Alas! the evidence is already too conclusive. Fearlessly, then, let the pulpits of the land speak out on this vital theme. The day is at hand that will "try every man's work, of what sort it is." Let them not fear, but give on this duty as upon others, "line upon line, precept upon precept," until the day dawn and the day-star of enlightened Christian liberality arise, and manifest itself in the hearts and lives of those calling themselves the "Children of Light!" Then, there shall not be given to the Lord the halt and the lame, but the finest and best of the flock; and of the field, the choicest of the wheat, ay, and of the barley and oats also; not that which is unmarketable, but the best of everything to Him. "For ye are not your own," is the language of Holy Scripture, "ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and spirit, which are His." May "the love of Christ constrain us" to "live not unto ourselves but to Him who hath died for us and who hath risen again." A.

THE MAGAZINE AND THE MISSION.

In our last issue, we claimed on behalf of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, that it was "a most important auxiliary of the Missionary Society." A singular case in point was reported at the missionary meeting just held in Georgetown. The pastor, Rev. J. Unsworth, announced that two former members of the church, who had removed to the States, *but still took in the magazine*, and had noticed there the announcement of the above meeting, had thereupon sent him a \$10 greenback as a donation to the funds. Who can tell in how many ways this silent messenger in its journeys far and wide enkindles and maintains an interest in the good work?

At a number of missionary meetings in the Middle District, the cause of the magazine was advocated, and not without fruit. We hope that this was done elsewhere also.

NOTES OF A TOUR

AMONG THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN THE EAST OF NOVA SCOTIA AND IN CAPE BRETON.

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As the result of a letter read at the last meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, from the Church at Margaree, Cape Breton, asking for recognition and help, and at the request of a Committee of the Union, your correspondent was induced to proceed to those parts of the Eastern Counties and of Cape Breton, where Congregational Churches are or were, with a view to preach the gospel and to ascertain, as far as possible, the real condition and wants of the Churches. Some of the results of that tour, embodying facts and suggestions that need not be made public, we shall submit in the form of a report to those by whom we were sent; but as we met with