

man. In view of these things, we feel painfully anxious that trumpets, giving no uncertain sound, should be blown that the people may arise and quit themselves like enlightened Christian men. May we not hope that some in the bosom of the Canada Presbyterian Church, who possess principle, mind, and means, will, at an early day, take this urgent duty in hand and see to its efficient discharge? Whoever shall do so may rest assured that many will rise up and call them blessed.

In taking leave of our readers we have to thank them for the forbearance exercised toward us during our short editorial term. Were it to serve any good purpose, we might make frank and specific confession of our shortcomings; but this, we presume, would now be a bootless task, and might expose us to the charge of "a voluntary humility." Our prayer is that "great grace may be upon them all," and on all connected with the Church—that by holy living and zealous acting they may "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

### SMALL CONGREGATIONS.

*To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.*

SIR,—Under the above heading, an article, the prominent features of which seemed to me impartiality and moderation, appeared in your Magazine for September. It seems to have done good service. It not unfrequently happens that men take a false position from getting false, or at least, limited and imperfect information. And it is evident there would be far fewer misunderstandings, and far less to complain of in the findings of our superior courts, were more pains taken to set matters plainly before them. That some members of the Toronto presbytery did take a position at once discreditable to their good sense and hurtful to their own interests, there seems no room for doubt. But there is, as you may see presently, sufficient reason to believe that they did not understand all the circumstances of the congregation about which they were called to legislate, or the high respect and appreciation in which Dr. Burns, whose preaching was objected to in connection with that congregation, was held. But as soon as the matter was to some extent ventilated through your Magazine, the presbytery as well as others took the whole case into consideration; and the finding at their last meeting does their better judgment and prudence far more justice than their proceedings entitled them to when that article was written. Now there will be no more danger of any Congregation, whose affairs are at all hopeful, suffering at the hands of any presbytery, to whatever side it belonged before the Union. Now there will be encouragement for any struggling Congregation to ask sympathy at the hand of its presbytery, only let their case be fairly and fully presented; and I believe the Synod, if asked its opinion, will to a man say "if you have erred you have erred on the side