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## A BOLDER MISSIONARY POLICY.

We hope none of our readers are so painfully sensitive on the subject of giving, or so much alarmed at the sight of a collecting card, as to stop at the heading of our article, and turn the leaf to escape an editorial "dun" on the subject of Missions. We are sure that no such parsimonious soul would spend a dollar a year on the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, and we can suppose such a thing possible, therefore, only in the case of some one who values our pages sufficiently to "borrow" instead of subscribing and paying for—as all good Congregationalists do—the Magazine. All such sensitive souls we advise to pass on to the "Home Department," or somewhere else, where they will perhaps find pleasant reading that won't touch their pockets. They can *sing*, all the same,

"Fly abroad thou mighty Gospel!"

but we shall not ask them for anything to give it wings; for their money, could we get it, would come so grudgingly and prayerlessly that it is doubtful whether any blessing would attend it. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Neither do we address ourselves to those who love Congregationalism when it doesn't cost too much; who think there is no room for it in Canada, and that because the gospel is preached in this or that town, or village, by other denominations, it is a misappropriation of Missionary funds to sustain a Congregational church there,—that, in a word, we ought, in such cases, to make our politest bow to the more popular ecclesiastical organization, and withdraw! In respect to everything but the number of adherents that line of argument would suit half-a-dozen other denominations just as well as ourselves, and surely truth and righteousness are not to be decided by majorities. In not a few localities our churches were among the first that were organized, and if it come to the question of right and precedence, it is the subsequent intruder who crowded in where, according to the principle above referred to, there was no need of any other preaching, that ought to withdraw. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways.