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**A Fresh Start**

**W**E have now entered upon another Assembly year. In view of what God has done for us in the past, we may well look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. Our work is expanding vastly on every side. It is indeed practically unlimited. Nothing can be more soul-inspiring than the way in which our Home Mission Work is prospering. Men of godly zeal and talent rarely spend a week in mission work in any part of the country without good results following. Mission stations increase and multiply in the older Provinces, and some are yearly rising to the standing and responsibility of self-supporting congregations. In the new Provinces the process of multiplication is much more rapid, and the growth more marked. The practical point for us, now to look at is the advance we are prepared to make during the ecclesiastical year on which we have entered. Shall not still more of the Church's vital energies flow out in this direction? Shall not all our ministers and members prepare themselves for the inevitable conflict with the powers of darkness in this land? Do we not claim "Canada for Christ," from ocean to ocean, from Newfoundland to Vancouver's Island? Our welfare as a Church, our power for aggression upon Heathenism, will depend, under God, upon our zeal and success in Home Mission work.

Every member of the Church as well as every officer, has a deep interest in the due sustentation of the ministry, and during the present year this question will, we trust, receive the attention to which it is entitled. Our ministers are neither greedy nor venal. Many of them have nobly confronted poverty for

long and laborious years. It is in the interest of no individuals and no class that we urge an adequate provision for the Gospel ministry. Our Colleges are yearly attaining a better position. Rich and poor are giving towards their support. More is needed, of course, the very strongest is not yet strong enough; the wealthiest is not rich enough; but what has been accomplished since the Union is surely enough to justify the most sanguine expectations. The rate at which the country is growing and at which our Church is extending her operations will more than justify the existence of all our six Colleges. Let us see to it that none of the six suffer through our neglect. Send students to our Colleges! We can well afford to double our present numbers. Then let the service of Christ ever have the best of our young men,—not merely the best in morals but the most brilliant in talents and the most apt to learn and to teach.

See how our Foreign Missionary operations are likely to expand! Demerara will in all probability be occupied by one or more missionaries from our Church. The Coolies there are as needy as those in Trinidad, their claims are as urgent, and the field is equally inviting.—Then, it is not impossible but we may join in evangelizing Japan, a field to which we are invited by the generous gifts of friends belonging to another Church.—Our mission in India is capable of indefinite expansion; and our very interesting New Hebridean field is by no means exhausted. Our Formosa Mission is peculiarly blest. Thus it appears that missions to the Heathen are not likely to demand less of our energies as the years roll on. Akin to our Home Mission work is the grand enterprise of French Evangelization,—an enterprise which justly commands widespread sympathy and aid. Motives of patriotism as