

which we hope will yet be largely augmented—many Trustees have been relieved from threatened loss.

While we counsel you, if you would “keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,” to avoid the rancour of party politics, we beseech you to “have no fellowship with the works of darkness;” and solemnly to avail yourselves of every influence—social, religious, and political—by which the cause of God may be advanced.

Making the franchise—the fruit and symbol of your civil freedom—a subject of thanksgiving to the Almighty and of fervent prayer, strike with all the energy of the ballot the enemies of God and humanity, so that it shall come to pass that no man whose course on the *Sanctity of the Sabbath* and the *Liquor Question* is hostile or uncertain, shall be your representative in the highest councils of the nation.

The Rev. George Meacham, D.D., and the Rev. Charles S. Eby, D.D., two of your honoured and successful *Missionaries from Japan*, are now home on furlough. Abundant labours there, in evangelizing and training native helpers, have necessitated at least temporary rest. In their absence, four male and two female missionaries “hold the fort.” Miss Spencer and Miss Cartmell are the pioneers of our noble Woman’s Missionary Society. Your increasing contributions to this and to our other missions show the enlarging of your sympathetic help. Can we not this year aim at carrying out the modest suggestion of our Missionary Secretary of “one cent a day from every member of the Church?”

Two millions, nearly, of French Canadians, increasing in rapid ratio, imperil the existence of many of our feeble Protestant settlements in the Province of Quebec. Heroic are the efforts of the small band of devoted and persecuted evangelists under our enthusiastic brother, the Rev. Louis N. Beaudry. The Conference has determined further to aid these workers by the employment of colporteurs during the present year.

We congratulate the Church on the growing efficiency of our *Educational Institutions*. Victoria University still lives in the loyal interest and confidence of our people, and is blessing our country with the inestimable benefits of a high education based upon Christian truth and principle. In the consideration of the future relations of the institution to the University system of Ontario, it is expected that such conclusions will be reached as will be honourable and satisfactory to our Church.

The Wesleyan Theological College, in Montreal, is manifestly growing in the favour and confidence of both our ministers and laity. To theological students it is becoming increasingly attrac-