

to teach them of Him whom to know is "life eternal."

These, then, being the threefold responsibilities laid upon her, may not the Church appeal most confidently to the love and loyalty of her sons and daughters, and ask them, in the Master's name, to cast into her treasury gifts alike of substance and service, sufficient for the needs described above. For the latter we desire once more to commend the Woman's Auxiliary as an invaluable co-worker with this Board, and an organization which in all its aims and methods appeals to woman's holiest instincts, furnishes ample scope for her sanctified energies, develops and builds up her spiritual life, and, in its measures, expresses her obligations to the Gospel of Christ, as God's instrument in her redemption from the degradation cast upon her in all pagan lands. Every professedly Christian woman in the communion of the Church of England in Canada, should be a member of the "Woman's Auxiliary."

The contributions of last year fell short of the maximum previously attained by upwards of two thousand dollars (\$2,000). "We beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more." The sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), is absolutely necessary to keep existing missionary enterprises in an average condition of efficiency, and to take possession of new fields that urgently call for occupation.

Let us rise to the dignity of our stewardship, and prove ourselves worthy the honour of being "put in trust with the Gospel." The needs of our brethren, the reputation of our Church, the interests of our own spiritual life, above all, the glory of God, all these are solemn obligations which appeal to us as with trumpet voice. Let every baptized member of the Body of Christ, rich and poor, young and old alike, respond to the call as coming directly from the Head of the Church Himself, challenging a prompt and loyal obedience, and the reproach hitherto lying on us for our comparative apathy will be effectually wiped out.

In this connection we cannot forbear calling attention to the fact that there is a large number of our congregations who do absolutely nothing for the Church's Domestic Missionary work. The space opposite their names in the Report is an ominous, rebuking blank. Suffer us, brethren of the laity, to urge upon you the speedy removal of this heavy reproach. Indifference to the spiritual needs of others is an infallible symptom of ignorance as to our own. The individual or congregation that turns a deaf ear to the pitiful cry of souls perishing for lack of the bread of life is spiritually dead. "He that loveth not," says one, "shall be shut out from love." "By this," said our Lord, "shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The same conclusion is forced on us by the

unanswerable logic of St. John's question, "Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" The issue is one that cannot be ignored or evaded. It comes to you and your children, weighted with tremendous responsibilities, destined not merely, to affect, for good or evil, the future of the Church of England in the North-West, but, still more, to determine, for multitudes, the verdicts of the judgment seat.

We ask you, brethren, to set the question of your personal duty in the clear, transparent light of this responsibility, and to deal with it as in God's sight, and as you will hereafter desire that you had dealt with it, in the hour when life trembles in the balance; and the quickened conscience, living the past over again, anticipates the dread revelations of the future. That future is "not far from every one of us." But recently the doors of the invisible have opened, and one of the chief pastors of the Church, honoured and beloved for the lovingness of his spirit, the gentleness of his manner, the breadth of his charity, the blamelessness of his life, the strength of his convictions, and the absolute impartiality of his official administration, has entered into rest. By these things, "he being dead, yet speaketh," and the message borne to us from the grave of the departed prelate is that of the Master Himself, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

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### Books and Periodicals Dept

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Two very handsome little booklets have reached us from Thomas Whittaker, Publisher, 2 and 3 Bible House, New York, one called "Rich and Poor," by the Bishop of Liverpool, and the other, "Christian Beneficence," by the Rev. Dr. Langford of New York. The latter is one of the finest essays on the subject of Christian giving that has been published in modern times, and the former (which has a brief preface by Dr. Langford) is a graphic treatment of the parable of Dives and Lazarus, so as to impress men and women with the awful peril of living for self to the neglect of others. It would be well if such literature could be widely circulated.

JOHN LOVELL, Publisher, Montreal, still clings to his long cherished wish to publish a gazetteer and history of Canada, to be complete in eleven royal octavo volumes. The prospectus makes one wish that the \$150,000 required before undertaking the work will be subscribed. Such a work would indeed "enhance the reputation of Canada abroad, and be of manifold service to her own people." The samples of *contributed pictures* which are to adorn the pages of this great work, if it ever sees the light, are such as to show the dignity and importance of the undertaking. We wish the veteran publisher enough friends to insure its appearance at an early day.

THE *Quarterly Register of Current History* (Detroit, Mich., \$1.00 a year) is entitled to rank as the *me plus ultra* of condensation. In this periodical, which begins its second