

the amount of their contributions; but they would yet rather call upon the Members of the Church in the city to come forward and at least double their contributions to the treasury of the Society. They have been held back from more urgent appeals to the liberality of their fellow Churchmen in the city, so long as the income of the Society was more than sufficient to meet its annual appropriations—but now that they have engaged in a responsibility, to meet which a large increase of funds is necessary, they can confidently, and earnestly, and believingly appeal to all whom God in his Providence has blessed with the means to give, in much larger measure for the great design of sending the glad tidings of salvation to the sequestered cottages and secluded settlements of the Province, which yet have been but rarely visited by a Missionary from our Zion.

In the hope that there may be those, who, in a sense of the privilege of contributing to such an important work, may be disposed not only to increase their subscriptions but also to endow the Society with Lands, which though perhaps of no great present value, may be a source of future income to the Society. The Committee have it in contemplation to apply to the Legislature of the Province for an Act of Incorporation; they trust that a matter of such obvious justice, conferring simply upon this Society the means of managing its own affairs in a more satisfactory way, and by no possible implication interfering at all with the privileges of others, will be readily consented to by the Provincial Parliament,—and that this Society in its corporate capacity may be speedily invested with the means of carrying on its future operations for the Glory of God and the good of souls, in the form of a permanent endowment in addition to the annual contributions upon which it now depends.

The Committee have been led to think of applying for this privilege, by hearing of the advantages experienced in the management of their internal affairs by the Church Societies of Quebec and Toronto, which are incorporated by an Act of the Canadian Legislature.

The operations of those Societies, and of those of Fredericton and Newfoundland are deeply interesting to ourselves—of more recent formation than our own Society, they have outstripped us in zeal, in funds, in usefulness; yet, as we trust, that we are coming up more nearly to our responsibilities, we may hope that they with us may engage in a Christian rivalry to do good, and that we may each in the diocese in which it has been formed, go on to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom and spread the knowledge of His saving name. The Venerable Societies in England to which the members of the Church in this Province are largely indebted, are now constrained to limit their expenditures in this portion of the Colonial Empire.—How should we rejoice in the privilege of carrying on works which they have so benevolently begun, and of supplying their reluctant lack of service in places which they are unable now to aid; let it be our hope and prayer, that our Society, small as have been its beginnings, "may yet," in the words of a Reverend Correspondent, "live to