

ask you whether, in view of your early training and present privileges, as well as of the bounties which Providence has bestowed upon you, you are willing to allow the Church which has so long cared for yourselves and your children, to fail in its great mission to this country for lack of that help which it is in your power to afford? We ask you whether, with the means which God places at your disposal, you are content that the Church to which you belong shall remain the lowest of all the Churches around you in the scale of Home Missionary contribution? We ask you further, whether, in view of the extension of Canadian settlements to the territories of the far West, and the certain migration thither of many families and people belonging to the Church of Scotland, you are prepared to let them go there unfollowed, and to live unblessed by the Ministry and Ordinances to which they are loyally attached? Rather, will you not rise to a sense of the opportunity for doing good which God now sets before you?—emulating the zeal and liberality of your Christian neighbours? Is there any reason why other Churches in this country should exceed in ecclesiastical liberality the Church of Scotland? Are the members of other Churches more able to give than you? Are their farms larger than yours, or their crops more abundant? Are their merchants and manufacturers richer, their mechanics more skilled, their laborers more muscular, energetic, thrifty? Or, are they more distinguished by Christian intelligence and education than you?

Shall we then put it down to lack of regard for the Church or of loyalty to her interests, that you fall behind in this work of the Lord? This can scarcely be charged against you. Witness your noble effort to place our University and "School of the Prophets" beyond all danger of decay; yea more, to raise it to a position of capacity and influence worthy of its Ecclesiastical and Scottish connection! The prompt liberality which you have displayed,