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Home and Foreign Missions.

THESE are often wrongly contrasted. Both are necessary to the life and prosperity of any church. If Home Missions are esteemed less "romantic" than Foreign, it is largely because distance lends enchantment to the view. The Divine authority for missionary work emphasizes the duty of "beginning at Jerusalem"—Taking up *first* the work that lies nearest our own doors. But in effect it says,—“do this, and leave not the other undone.” We have reason to believe that the accounts we have been enabled to give of our Home Mission work in Manitoba and the North-West, in British Columbia, in Muskoka and Algoma, in New Brunswick and Cape Breton, have been perused with as much interest as the letters of our missionaries in the distant fields of India, China, the South Seas and Trinidad, and it will not be our fault if in the future the *Record* shall appear to discriminate in favour of either. Only let the brethren at home and abroad supply the *information*, and we shall gladly give it wings. We put the word in Italics because we wish it to be understood that *information* is what we really want, and what our people want. Many of our congregations are sadly in want of it, and for that reason take less interest than they

should in the missions of the church, and contribute less of their money than they might. We are meeting every month fresh evidences of what congregations *can* do and *are* doing for themselves, and noting the increasing liberality of individual members of the church. And yet, on the whole, we are very far from having reached the measure either of our individual or collective *ability*. There is a vast amount of undeveloped latent power in our church and it is for the ministers and kirk-sessions to consider if they are using the best means within their reach to develop this power. How often do the ministers leave the beaten path to preach a rousing missionary sermon? In how many of the congregations is there a stated missionary meeting of a week-day evening when missions can be talked about from the pew as well as from the pulpit? What use is made of the missionary maps which some congregations have and which all should have? In how many of the congregations does the *Record* reach every family? When the people shall be fully instructed as to the extent and requirements of the mission fields, at home and abroad, there will be comparatively little difficulty in obtaining any reasonable amount of money that may be asked for carrying on the work.

The incidental remark made in the March number of the *Record*, (page 58), that “The contributions for the Assembly’s ‘Schemes’