

multitude of Roman Catholics had come to hear the discussion which had been announced in the press. I was alone then to speak. The result was that the next week, 20 heads of families renounced the errors of Rome and accepted the Gospel truth. If we count the losses of Rome and the gains of the Gospel cause these last six weeks, I do not think that there is any exaggeration in fixing them at 400, all, taken fathers, mothers and children.

Help us, dear brothers in blessing the Lord for His mercies towards my countrymen. We have the hope that the days of the conversion of Canada are come. For it is not only the people of the city of Montreal who want to hear what I have to say about the errors of Rome, the people of the country also invite me everywhere; and everywhere I go, great multitudes come and hear, and then publicly confess that what I say is the truth.

In that way, the good seed is sown every where in our dear Canada, and before long, we hope to see and reap the crop. May that day come soon. For that, let every disciple of Christ raise his supplicating hands to the Throne of Grace to ask the God of the Gospel to fill us with His spirit of truth, and strength, and light, that we may fulfil our task for His glory and the salvation of the immortal souls which are still in the bondage of Egypt.

Pray for me, your forevergrateful brother in Christ,

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## SYSTEMATIC SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S CAUSE.

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In previous numbers of the *Record*, I have endeavoured to lay firmly the foundation for God's claim upon our substance; to demonstrate the importance of turning the attention of the Christians of this energetic, active age, to the subject of systematic beneficence; and to discover the height and the depth, the length and the breadth of the apostolic measure of Christian contribution "as the Lord hath prospered you." In this article, which I intend shall close the series, I wish to answer these three questions; *Who* are to contribute for the support and spread of the gospel?—*When* are they to make their appropriations for this purpose? and, *How* are their offerings to reach the treasury of the Lord?—

At the outset, let it be observed that the apostolic precept, which the Church's Committee on Systematic Beneficence have adopted as their basis, furnishes a clear and definite answer to them all. Are we asked, "Who should contribute?" We answer with the apostle, "Every one." There is no mistaking the sweep and compass of these universal terms. The "every one" here must mean every individual whom the apostle's words reach. The precept comes with authority and power to all, to high and low, to rich and poor, to bond and free. It is binding alike upon husband and wife, parent and child, master and servant, minister and people. It is designed as a rule of life to the unbeliever, as well as to the believer; for of the persons and property of both, Jehovah is the Great Proprietor. True, the ungodly may ignore or deny their stewardship, but they cannot possibly escape from the obligations which it necessarily entailed upon them. But with peculiar energy this command presses itself upon the Christian. He knows and feels that in every sense he belongs to God. He remembers that as his Creator and Preserver Jehovah is his Lord; that as his Redeemer, Jesus Christ has secured a right to him and his by purchase; and that by a voluntary surrender of himself to his Saviour he has given himself, all he is and all he has, to his rightful Sovereign. With an emphasis then mightily increased, the apostle, addressing himself to those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, purified and appropriated by the indwelling of His Spirit, and led by His grace to declare that they are not their own but bought with a price, points out their duty, "Let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

This duty of every hearer of the Gospel to consecrate a due proportion of his substance to the advancement of the cause of God, I am anxious to state with clearness, decision, and energy. I am urgent in pressing it upon the attention of all my readers, because it is a duty which is sadly neglected. Facts and figures bear out this assertion. It were easy to have proof from every quarter. But confining my attention to our