

of a self-sacrificing and devoted Apostle. It is needful therefore to stir up to action whatever latent energy exists among us. The money power ought to be developed. Thoughtful laymen we judge, where they are connected with churches that remain supported in part by missionary funds, will enlarge the figure indicating their support of their pastor; and in the happy case of those independent of such aid, reflection on the aspect of missionary affairs should not terminate in a frigid opinion, but in a noble contribution, to enlarge the amount of the Canadian portion of our missionary funds. An appeal is needed to stimulate the zeal of some of our missionary churches, though we have somehow or other the feeling that others, to whom the lines have fallen in pleasant places, might find scope for an enlarged generosity towards our Canadian missionary work, which, if it is to be done with favour in God's sight, must be done heartily, joyously, prayerfully, liberally.

CHRISTIAN LIBERALITY.

We present to our readers the closing portion of the Inaugural Address of the Rev. E. Mellor, at the autumnal meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, held at Liverpool in October. Our limited space prevents the publication of the whole address in our pages. The preceding portion is occupied chiefly with powerful thought on the necessity of our denomination attending to its *voice* and its *hand*, while that which we now insert is indicated by attention to its *purse*. He says—We come now in the last place and briefly to consider

OUR DENOMINATION IN RELATION TO ITS PURSE.

This, I am aware, is a most delicate topic, and one upon which men are usually sensitive in a high degree. But it is for this very reason that it ought to be touched frequently and with a firm hand. For the morbid shrinking with which men are afflicted when the obligations of wealth are expounded, is analogous to some physical disorders, which are more easily cured by shock than sympathy. The function of money in the active arrangements which God has made for the spread of his kingdom, is of incalculable importance. That he might have dispensed with it, and with the active agency of man, is not doubted. That he has chosen to call into service both the one and the other, shows the honour which he has put on man by making him a co-worker in the means and purposes of his grace.

We have spoken of Praise, and does not David say, "Daily shall He be praised?" We have spoken of Prayer, and does not David say, "Prayer also shall be made to Him continually?" We now speak of Wealth; and does not David say in the self-same breath, "To Him shall be given of the gold of Sheba?" These things are united in one sublime prophecy of the Messiah's sign; and "what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." Let us, however, recognise with gratitude to God the illustrious examples of liberality which may be found in the denomination to which we belong. It is not our privilege to possess a long array of men who stand in the presence of earthly monarchs, whose breasts are besprinkled with the decorations of worldly honours; but we have men whose glory no earthly exaltation could enhance, and whose names will live as the very symbols of benevolence and unswerving charity, when men whose only greatness is in the accident of birth shall be forgotten. There is one honour brighter than gold, and more dazzling than the most lustrous diamond; and this is the possession of such men as, recognising their stewardship to God for all their wealth, use it wisely and on principle, for the diffusion of truth, righteousness and happiness on every hand. There is, perhaps, no section of the Church of Christ which is more signally favoured with men of this character than our own, and it is earnestly hoped that their example may infect as with a holy contagion many