

mitted two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

But has the obligation ceased? "Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord," "Be thou faithful unto death," is the response of the unerring Word. Why then are not the "wilderness and solitary places made glad; why does not the desert bud and blossom as the rose?" The reason is revealed in this fact: we have been too long expecting the end without the use of the means! The Church that is the vehicle of Divine truth hath tarried beside Babel's cheerless stream. The "Day Star" arises! the rays of the "Sun of righteousness" stream to the zenith! Arise!! let us be up and doing while it is yet called to-day." May God forgive our past negligence, and give us grace for time to come.

We now notice, briefly, a few means to be used.—*First*, seek for a unity in the body; a unity of action. While every Church of Christ is, and ought to be, independent in its organization, yet there is a unity for the accomplishment of any great end; which is very right and desirable. Unity is strength. The great reason why we are not more successful in the diffusion of truth is owing to the fact that separate interests have divided us. We look upon a *written or preached* Gospel as being the chief means of bringing the world to a knowledge of the truth. "How shall they hear without a Preacher, how shall they preach except they be sent." Missionaries, Colporteurs, Bibles, Books, and Tracts, all require money to render them efficient; by continuous labour or extensive circulation. But the Churches are small! True. But co-operate, and it is accomplished.—[For a proposition, see *Christian Observer*, Vol. 1, No. 5, p. 72.]

Form Domestic Mission Societies: if not able as a Church, join with others. Toronto has led the van; arise and follow; if you cannot do what you would, do what you can. The Gospel was sent to you; "Freely ye have received, freely give." "To do good, and communicate, forget not, as with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Second. Bow before God in your closet, and there pray him to bless the means used; you then can do so consistently. Thus will your spiritual strength be renewed. God will bless you as individuals; bless you as Churches; increase your numbers; increase your ability to do good; and bring about the day when "The knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the water doth the face of the deep." Thus having usefully passed the day of life, the dawn of eternity will be pleasing; and when the Judgment Throne shall appear, hear the welcome voice of Jesus say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"Oh! that each from his Lord, may receive the glad word,
Well and faithfully done,
Enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne!"

AMEN.