

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Missionary Association feel bound, on behalf of the congregation, to much thankfulness to God, because, that, notwithstanding the severe monetary depression of the times, the gross amount collected from all sources for the schemes of the church shows a considerable increase on the aggregate of last year.

They feel, however, that the congregation has not, as yet, in liberal giving for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, reached a mark commensurate with its ability. With those that do give, little fault, if any, can be found. The greater part contribute with praiseworthy liberality. But many, it is to be regretted, do not give anything to the furtherance of the Master's commanded work in these important spheres of Christian operation.

Would these non-giving brethren kindly remember that their Saviour and the world's Redeemer has claims upon them as His stewards. "*And it is required of a steward that he be found faithful.*" Surely, every heart loving Jesus must love His cause, and seek, by all reasonable means, its universal triumph.

Christian benevolence is the measure of religion. Where a man's heart is, there will his treasure be also. If, then, our treasure be not consecrated to God, we may, after all, be deceived about our soul. God cannot be mocked. He is giving us here a simple test. Are we standing that test?

May God of His infinite goodness bless all our people by opening their hearts and purses, and so lead us, as a church, into the new dispensation of cheerful giving for our dear Redeemer's glory. Brethren, freely ye have received; freely give.

The Annual Meeting of the Missionary Association was held in the Lecture Room, on the evening of Wednesday, 15th January.