

thousand. Unapproachable in beauty, in power, and in love, to whom shall we go but to Jesus.

*The joys of a religious life are to be counted as modifying the cost.* The very difficulties surmounted, the toil and pain give zest; sweet is pleasure after pain. Waters of life refresh the soul.

*Then the actual gain is incalculable.* What Christ bestows surpasses in value earthly treasures. Pardou, peace, purity—GLORY.

“ THE LABOURERS ARE FEW.”

*We want more ministers.* On every hand, we hear the cry from vacant churches, “Come over and help us.” At the meeting of the Central Association, we had a deputation from Eramosa seeking a pastor, and heard of an early vacancy at Bell Ewart. Trafalgar was reported as still unsupplied. Stouffville had been taken up by the Rev. W. H. Allworth, as a second pastor could not be found. In the Western District, we found Listowell most urgently needing a man after God’s own heart, and Mr. Day doing the work of two men. Guelph and London, though not actually settled, may be so ere long. All these vacancies have come under the notice of one person in the course of a week or two. No doubt a similar report could be given of other sections of the country.

*What is to be done?* Here are fields for purely evangelistic labour, where there is an opportunity for preaching the Gospel to many who can be best reached by our means, and to many who will be reached by no other. And here are churches, founded on a scriptural faith and order, consecrated by the labours, sacrifices, and prayers of christians, and often cheered by the presence of the Master, which now languish, and may even die.

*Our College should be well supplied with students.* Two or three a year are not more than sufficient to supply the wants of the field. Double that number could find work to do. Young men in the churches who feel themselves called to the ministry, and whom their brethren judge to be adapted to it, may be sure of finding something to do, if they are able to do the work of an evangelist.

*We want more of the missionary spirit.* This is no holiday-work that needs to be done; but thorough hard labour, with rough accommodation, strange fare, bad roads, constant travel, and poor pay. The people will be found supremely intent on making money; other denominations will contest the ground; there will be “perils among false brethren.” The kid-glove and drawing-room clergy are not wanted. But good soldiers of Jesus Christ who can endure hardness are greatly in demand. Nor should it be thought an unparalleled and intolerable hardship if a young man should remain unmarried during the earlier years of his ministry. He may well shrink from bringing a wife, especially if she be weakly and sensitive, into the roughness of the bush. But is it too great a sacrifice for Christ’s sake to wait? There are missionaries’ wives, however, that are truly the better halves of the twain made one: skilful as Marthas, devout as Marys; patient, prudent, and prayerful; accepting their place from the Lord’s hand, and filling it in His name. God bless them!

*Can we improve our system* in respect to these new and vacant fields? The employment of some “missionaries at large” seems to be imperatively