

wholesome for a Missionary Society to make up all deficiencies hence arising. On this matter, however, we will not enlarge, as it is dealt with on this page by a competent hand.

The second amendment we have to propose, is, that our Missionary Society should take the initiative in a movement for raising the rate of compensation usually given to our Ministers. The English delegates of 1865 were amazed at the small salaries usually paid to men whom they recognised as able, laborious, and in every way worthy. The present scale was framed in cheaper times, and when the general style of living among the people was much plainer than now. *It must be raised, or we shall lose more of our best men.* We understand that the policy of "consolidation," which carried all before it among ourselves, includes an abandonment of the starvation system, and the adoption of our Lord's maxim, "The labourer is worthy of his hire." Nor have we any doubt or fear that it will be equally acceptable in England, *provided only and always, that the Missionary Churches contribute their full share of the increased maintenance.* If we are in error on this point, it amounts to an abandonment of the field on the part of our British brethren.

Though not naturally prone to take very sanguine views of things, we must say that we see many signs of hope. It is true that we still have to chronicle removals, but of these the causes are not of yesterday. The Churches are doing better. The Missionary Society is on the right track. The tone of the whole body is improving. Let young men be encouraged to come forward to the Ministry. Let those who have been tempted to leave their fields ponder the matter well before they so decide. There will be difficulties everywhere. Often it is "better to bear the ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of." And let us all earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into his harvest, that our failing ranks may be recruited, and we may go up, united and strong, to the help of the Lord against the mighty!

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### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Report of the Committee of the Union presented in June last contained, among others, the suggestion, that a Committee consisting chiefly of lay delegates, be appointed to devise means for raising the standard of ministerial support. A Committee was subsequently appointed with this object in view, but for some reason it never reported. It is to be hoped, however, that the subject will not be allowed to drop, inasmuch as it is one of pressing and vital importance to the interests of the denomination at the present time; and perhaps, in default of any action at the Union meeting, there is no better way of promoting the object for which the Committee was appointed, than by calling attention to it through the columns of the *Canadian Independent*.

Very few persons will dispute the fact that the average of the salaries of our ministers in this Province, is too low. The Report just referred to