

wealth to the support of those who cannot leave their family to go abroad to proclaim the gospel without aid from the brethren. I am personally acquainted with a preacher of the ancient gospel, who had to retire in a great measure from the field of his labour for the want of a sufficient support for his family, and that could not be more than Fifty Pounds a year. Last Summer this same preacher had to take to his fishing boat to get a little something for his family. And after fishing hard all the day, he would return home fatigued to get his supper; after which he would have to seize his oar, and row some eight or ten miles to a weir to get bait, in order to be prepared for the next day's fishing; and then if the tide was not low enough for his purpose, he would kindle a fire on the beach, and there lay down on the hard gravel with a piece of drift wood for his pillow. And to-day, I saw him pulling rock weed from the rocks, and carrying it on his shoulder in a basket, to plant potatoes. In a few days he will take to the fishing lines again to support his family. Hard lot certainly. How is it possible for the truth to advance under these or any similar circumstances. Brother Eaton, unless our brethren one and all unite their energies and get up some effective operation for the support and spread of our Lord's gospel, the cause of truth in these Colonies must certainly dwindle and fade away, and utterly vanish like smoke in the air.

Brethren, what say you? Shall the soul saving cause of truth and righteousness perish for the want of ample support, while you are in possession of plenty of means to rescue the Colonies from the darkness of popery and sectarian tradition! Remember brethren, "you are not your own, you have been bought with a price," therefore, "be not conformed to this world." "Make no provision for the flesh to fulfil the lust thereof." But "be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

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NEED OF PREACHERS—THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, &c.

THOUGHTS SUGGESTED BY THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION.

THE subject brought under our notice by *Condono* is one of great importance. The success of truth depends much on the means used in its dissemination. Books nor publications—not even the Living Oracles of God, will arrest the attention of the masses devoted to the world, the flesh, and the devil, without the power of the *living voice*. And indeed we will add, not only do we need the living voice, but that voice sustained by the work of faith and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ; and the persevering zeal and devotion of those who profess to receive the same principles. The forward, prominent Peter, the zealous and profound Paul, the loving and affectionate John, and the eloquent Apollos, mighty in the Scriptures, succeeded in making converts to the Lord only in proportion to the union and devotion of those who professed to receive their teaching. Were all the apostles and primitive heralds to revisit our planet and attempt to co-operate with the worldliness of the present professors of christianity, they would make converts only like them. It is almost as natural for the young professor to seek for attainments beyond the reputed pious of the congregation to