

the heart and in society. The soul illuminated and quickened by a Christian experience,—one wrought by the Holy Spirit through the truth,—pant and agonizes for the salvation of sinners. Can any object be more worthy of the attention, labours, prayers, contributions, self-denial and sacrifices, it requires of the disciples of Christ? It is most intimately connected with the highest glory of God and his Son, as well as the greatest and best interests of men for time and eternity.

A Church that is destitute of a true missionary spirit fails to represent our Blessed Lord; whose personal ministry, while it laid deeply and surely the principles out of which Foreign Missions, were in due time to emerge at His bidding, was an example and illustration of God's design to employ Home Missions not only as a means to enlighten and save those who are near, but as preparatory, and indeed necessary to reach those who are afar off. There is no country in what is called Christendom that does not employ or at all events need them. Even England and America need and must have them. We also must maintain and extend ours.

The success which has attended the Missionary labours of our Denomination in this province ought to encourage us to more abundant efforts in a cause on which God has set the seal of his approval. A large proportion of the Ministers of our Churches east and west are the fruit of Home Missions; while very many of the members, particularly in the eastern part of our Province, have been brought to Christ by the same instrumentality. Much fruit remains to be gathered in from the same field, and the Lord of the harvest will give us the increase if we labour faithfully and perseveringly in the work committed to us. Churches should be willing to allow their Pastors to go forth for a few weeks into destitute places to preach the glorious Gospel to those who are perishing for the bread of life, and should accompany their labours with earnest prayer, and as far as possible, co-operate with them.

The fields are white to harvest, and call for labour; God calls us to it; Christ shows us his wounded side and tells us to go and proclaim salvation through his blood to sinners lost and ruined by the fall. Let us awake to our responsibilities and duties to Home Missions, and we shall act in a manner and to an extent more near and commensurate with the wants of those in our Province who have not a preached Gospel, or but seldom,—and more in accordance with the example, doc-