

men unto me." The work of the Church is to preach Christ. God is for us—Christ is with us—the Holy Ghost is in us. Not, then, at our own charges do we go forth to this work. We are not called to prayer, to study, to preaching, to watchfulness, to temptations, to tears, to privations, cut off from all sympathy and crowded out of the thoughts of Him for whom all this is done.

Let the thought of Christ's oversight be our consolation and safeguard amid present toil, and our stimulus to future action. Can He look with unconcern on the position of any of his faithful servants? He decks the lily with beauty; in the wilderness He brings to perfection the smallest plant; He taketh care of oxen; not one sparrow can close its wing in death unnoticed by His watchful eye. Then, rejoice we have One who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities, who knows all our wants, who hears all our prayers, who bottles up all our tears, and says, "Let not your heart be troubled." The Lord is our shield. His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. No covered attack on us can succeed, for, under the broad shelter of His eye we find our safety. That eye neither slumbers nor sleeps. With the past we are not to rest satisfied. A field for action, wide as the world, invites. The Saviour's promise is, Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. The cry for help is heard here, there, yonder. Go, work to day in my vineyard. The Master's eye quickens the hand even of the good servant. The eye of affection beams light to the soul. The smile of Jesus gives joy to the heart; a "well done" from Him is sweet as the music of heaven. A captain's eye fires the soldier on to victory. "From these pyramids," said Napoleon, "the eyes of thirty centuries of men look down to behold your deeds of valour." Soldiers of Christ! you are set forth a spectacle to angels and to men; above all, the eye of your Great Captain is on you; let the thought nerve your arm, and fire your heart as you go forth to action, and soon success shall crown your toil, and laurels of victory begird your brow.

COLLECTIONS FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

It is earnestly hoped that the churches will agree to the request, that on the first Sabbath in September simultaneous collections be made on behalf of this important fund. The past has by no means witnessed sufficient interest on the part of the churches generally in this movement; a kind Providence has indeed watched over and nursed the early existence of a scheme calculated in the future to cheer many lonely and stricken hearts, bearing also a most emphatic aspect towards the present comfort and effective work of ministers, and adding a degree of stability prospectively to our denomination in Canada. Apathy is not seemly to a cause like this; those who have generously expended much time, thought, and some portion of their means, in advancing this undertaking, may reasonably expect a cordial and liberal response to their request, while the high principles of our religion place the duty of response on holier ground. Let there be an adequate expression of deep, liberal and conscientious feeling, by all the friends of the Society, early in September.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE UNION.

The photographic view of the members of the Union, taken in Montreal by the Messrs. Notman, is to be had from John Leeming, Esq, Montreal, price