

It would exceed the limits assigned us, to enumerate all that our Brethren are now doing in *Bible, Missionary, Tract* and other benevolent societies, both in England, the Continent of Europe, the East and West Indies, Africa, &c. &c. Nor are our Brethren in the United States far behind in their exertions to Evangelize the world. They have sent a noble band of veterans to the East, who have carried the standard of the Cross, from which an efulgent light is now shining on the dark Burmese. Nor are they unmindful of their Aborigines at home, nor of those wilderness parts of their country, where, by their Domestic Missions, they are sending the glad tidings of the Gospel. Our Brethren, also, in Nova-Scotia, are awaking from their slumbers, uniting with the host of God's elect and marching forward to the *Valley of Decision*.

Beloved, are we not far in the rear? The Lord hides his face from us, because of our supineness and lukewarmness; although our attention in our last Minutes, was called to the subject of Domestic Missions, yet what efforts have we made to send the Gospel to the destitute parts of our Province. If only one penny per week were given by the members composing our Churches, there would be four Missionaries continually employed, who, as a flame of fire, with hearts burning with love to Christ and the souls of men, would carry the sacred flame to those parts of our country which are sitting in the valley and shadow of death, and we should soon hear of the healing beams of the Sun of Righteousness having arisen upon them. We would not insinuate as though all our Churches are guilty of this neglect; some of them have been forward in this matter from the beginning; and lately, in the County of Charlotte, where the Spirit of the Lord is now pouring out, a Missionary spirit is raised, a number of Societies formed, and the friends there are cheerfully coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Another, and we would say principle cause of the Spiritual leanness of many of our Churches, we deem to be the want of an *efficient Ministry* for the supply of vacant Churches. How few are our numbers you will perceive by referring to your Minutes; and of that number, how few receive a sufficient support, so as to give themselves wholly to their work, *that their profiting may appear unto all*.

It appears to be the opinion of some, that it is not agreeable to the language of the New Testament, that the Minister of Christ should receive support, or at most, that it should be very limited indeed; they will observe, that PAUL worked with his own hands, and that he went forth taking nothing from the Gentiles. This subject, we confess, is painful to enter upon, but shall we, from false delicacy, decline calling your attention to an imperative duty? We will, in the fear of God, consider this subject a little.

All must admit that under the Mosaic dispensation, *those who ministered at the Altar, lived by the Altar*. There is indeed this difference, the specific manner in which the Priests and Le-