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To Christian Workers.

Christian worker! pause and listen,
Christ is seeking thee to-day,
Cease thy labours for one moment,
Solemn words He hath to say.

He is standing close beside thee,
And behold His face is sad;
As He gazeth on thy service—
Which methought would make Him glad.

Such unwearied self-devotion!
Such untiring, earnest zeal!
Such rich eloquence and pathos!
Burning words that wound to heal.

Still the Lord is sadly gazing,
Hark! He now doth question thee:
Listen well, His tones are gentle
"Dost thou work from love to Me?"

Ah! how often, fellow Christians,
Do we need this question still?
Are we now from pure affection
Working out our Saviour's will?

If our secret spring of action
Were exposed to mortal view,
Would it bear examination?
Could it be pronounced quite true?

Does not conscience sometimes tell us
That the motive power is wrong,
Of what seems our fairest action,
Of what sounds our sweetest song?

Jesus, Saviour, O forgive us,
As with shame we this confess;
May our love to Thee grow stronger,
May our love of self grow less!

O reveal Thyself so plainly,
That our one desire may be
Just to let ourselves be nothing,
Lost, in love of pleasing Thee.

—London Christian.

The Churches of Ontario and Foreign Missions.

We would like to call the attention of our readers to some statements recently made in the *Canadian Baptist*, by Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, of Port Hope, regarding the amount of money contributed by our churches in Ontario during the past year, for Home and Foreign Missions. With painstaking accuracy he has arranged and classified all the churches, according to the number of

members in each. While no church is mentioned individually, the aggregate amount of each class—that is of those coming up to a certain numerical standard—is given with the percentage for each member, also the number of those who have given nothing.

From this it would appear that during the last conventional year, 158 of our churches gave nothing for Foreign Missions; 136 nothing for Home Missions, and 95 nothing for either. More than one-half of the churches have had no part in the Foreign Mission work of the past year. We find it difficult to believe that such an appalling state of things can exist, but it is impossible to set aside the plain facts.

While the state of the Home Mission field is bad enough, that of the Foreign field is infinitely worse.

We believe it to be very important for us as a denomination, to uphold our own principles, and to send the Gospel to the new and poorly settled districts of our own land; yet, where there are so many other evangelical denominations, able and willing to step into the place and do the work, we cannot think that the need can be so great as in heathen lands, where those who have never heard of Christ may yet be numbered by millions.

Do we need an incentive to our efforts? Surely we may find it in the signal and abundant manner in which God has blessed the labours of our missionaries among the Telugus. A little more than nine years have passed since we as Canadian Baptists entered on this work. On the 28th of October, 1873, the "First Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission of Ontario and Quebec," was established at Cocanada. Much preparatory work was needed; land had to be bought and paid for, chapels and mission houses erected, schools established, and the latest effort refers to the establishment of a Theological School at Samulcotta, for teaching and training native pastors and teachers, and of which our Bro. McLaurin is about to take charge. The accounts received from time to time have been most encouraging, many souls have been converted; and if this has been the case during the preparatory time—the period of seed-sowing—what may we expect when the ripening seed shall have come to maturity, when the in-gathering shall be? And yet we are told that more than one half of our churches are *doing nothing* to help on this glorious work. If we could speak to each, individually, we wonder what the different ex-