

The Primitive Christians went everywhere preaching the word. Therefore had the word of the Lord free course, and overleaping the narrow limits of Palestine, "ran very speedily" throughout the then known world. They stuck close to their Captain and rallied round the standard of the Cross, realizing His eye to be on them, and that He expected every one of them to do his duty. If we all felt and acted thus, would not the shout of victory be oftener raised? "Now, thanks be unto God, who always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh known by us the savour of the knowledge of Jesus in every place."

In the despatches of Napoleon "Glory" was the oft recurring word. In those of Wellington it found no place, but "Duty" was everywhere. "What are your marching orders?" was the ready reply of that wonderful man to the flippant jest of a clerical coxcomb who laughed at the "consecrated cobblers," who went forth to storm the strongholds of Satan on the high places of the field.

Let us think what our duty is—what our marching orders are. "The most important thought that ever occupied my mind," said the great American statesman, "was the thought of my individual responsibility to God." Reader, let this thought occupy your mind. What doth the Lord require of me? What would'st thou have me to do?

How much owest thou to my Lord?

"A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify."

Nearly ten years have passed since we listened with deepest interest to the devoted Oncken of Germany. One incident in his history we can never forget, showing how fully he acted out in his Hamburg Church this great principle. With a nucleus of seven he branched out into fifty churches; ten thousand souls were converted; fifty millions heard the pure Gospel preached; eight millions of pages of tracts, and four hundred thousand copies of the Scriptures were put in circulation. And how were these wonders wrought? "All our members were initiated and instructed into a regular system of operations. EVERY MAN AND WOMAN is required to do something for the Lord, and thus the Word of the Lord has been scattered."

Would we not witness kindred scenes amongst ourselves, were there throughout this body of the Church, "the effectual working in the measure of every part?"—were "every one that heareth to say come?"—and were it graven on the heart of every Christian professor—"The Captain of Salvation expects every man to do his duty?"

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OUR HOME MISSION FIELD.

The settlement of the newer parts of Canada West has been very rapid. No sooner have new townships been surveyed and advertised for sale, than all the good land, and very often much that is worthless, has been immediately taken up. In many instances, large portions of the newly surveyed country are held by speculators; but, nevertheless, a very considerable portion has been occupied by actual settlers. Good roads have been made, intersecting the country, and many facilities for opening up the natural resources of the country have been afforded. Much has been done but much more must still be done, though