

it is He who asks for it, He who will acknowledge it when He shall come to reward His saints. *Give systematically.* Set aside a certain portion regularly for Missions; remember the work is going on all the time; day after day, week after week, it needs constant and regular support. No spasmodic effort, no dollar or two, given once a year, is adequate in any sense to the greatness of the work, or to the share which your Lord expects you to take in it. *Give proportionately.* Remember that the Lord knows the circumstances of each, and expects each one to do according to his ability.

Secondly, *pray* that the Lord will send forth laborers into His vineyard, that He will inspire the hearts of fit persons to offer themselves for missionary service, that He will uphold and strengthen those who are laboring in the Mission field, that He will shed abroad abundantly the power of the Holy Ghost, blessing the Mission work of the Church, and making it effectual to the conversion of the nations. But take heed that your alms accompany your prayers, for how can you expect Christ to hear and answer your prayers to Him to send missionaries, unless you provide Him with the means of supporting them? How can He bless the seed unless you send men to sow it?

It is true, indeed, that there is a vast work to be done yet in our own country. It is true that there are heathen at our own doors, wide Mission fields in our own Dominion, almost beyond our power to care for, yet this does not release us from the obligation to aid in the work in other lands. Christ's Church is *one*, Christ's work is *one*. All parts of the Church must be interested in the work of the whole Church. No part can isolate itself and work only in its own little sphere without a narrowing of that Divine spirit of love which animates and works through the whole Body of Christ. The Philippian Church, remarkable amongst the

Apostolic Churches as most free from strifes and divisions, and richest in faith and love and spiritual life, is also remarkable as being the one Church commended for contributing to the support of the great missionary, St. Paul, during his missionary labors at Corinth.

No such successful efforts have ever been made by the Church in England to cope with the practical heathenism of the masses in the great cities of England; as have been made since she began to take an active part in Foreign Mission work. So also there can be no loss to the Church in Canada in taking a deeper interest in Foreign Missions. On the contrary, we cannot but believe that the Lord will pour upon her a richer blessing, will prosper her the more in her work at home, as she is faithful to her duties abroad.

Brethren in Christ, this is a work needing the financial and spiritual aid of every Christian. Not one of us can fail in his duty without loss and injury to the Church. The great Captain of our salvation is looking down upon us, noting our faithfulness or our unfaithfulness to Him and to His cause. May His Spirit so fill your hearts with His love for all humanity, that the Church in Canada may give a generous response to the call of the Master and help to hasten the coming of His Kingdom by her zeal and devotion in the missionary work of His Church.

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NOTE—It is recommended that the offerings for this purpose be sent at as early a date as possible to the Secretary-Treasurer of each Diocese, to be by him transmitted to Mr. J. J. Mason, General Treasurer of the Society.

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