

house of God in company," they will surely feel for those who are destitute of these advantages, and do what they can, by prayer, and exertion, to supply the want. In proportion as they value these blessings themselves, they will be desirous that others may possess them too. It may be that they can do but little; but they should tax their power to the utmost, remembering Him who for their sakes became poor, that they might be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom. What they purpose, should be done promptly and heartily—for "God loveth a cheerful giver." Should these hints be attended to, and measures be resorted to in accordance with them, on a comprehensive and liberal scale, we should hail the event as a favourable omen, and encouraging pledge, that the Lord was about to prosper Zion, and render her "a praise and a glory" in the land. We are quite sure that the strength of our denomination in the Colony at large, has never yet been fully put forth; and it is to rouse it into action that we present these considerations to our readers. In the church at Montreal, and probably in some others, penny-a-week collections have been some time made in favour of the mission, both for itinerary and educational purposes. It is by similar plans, as is well known, that our Methodist friends have done such wonders in support of their various institutions all over the world. And though the independence of our churches may not be favourable to a general organization, like theirs, it is very possible for separate churches to act upon the principle, as to their own members and friends, and forward the amount of their proceeds to the general treasury of the mission. Every member of the church of Christ should be "up and doing," each performing his part in the general cause. Those who have "no money," may yet contribute their

efforts and example, and send forth their prayers to God for the prosperity of his own cause. The state of the mission is such, in relation to these provinces at least, as to call more loudly than ever for co-operation among all the scattered members of our body. Much of the happiness or misery of future generations will be determined by what is done now. It is, in all respects, a critical season with us. None should slumber at his post—none should refuse to come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Gratitude calls for exertion; the state of the country requires it; our temporal prosperity is connected with it; the peace of society will be promoted by it; "good will among men" will be extended by the influence of religious truth, and "glory to God in the highest" will redound from the faithful preaching of the word of life.

We are speaking of these things, of course, as in the order of means; the efficiency is of God. But we have no right to look for, or expect, his blessing unless we resort to the means which He himself has enjoined for the accomplishment of his merciful designs. He has ordained that his church shall be the light of the world; but if this light shine dimly, how shall surrounding neighbourhoods be illuminated? If it be put "under a bushel," how shall its glory be manifested? And if it go out in darkness, how terrible will that darkness be!

Among all our churches, then, let love and unity be cultivated; let all partial and selfish considerations be sacrificed on the altar of christian benevolence. Let every member be alive to the claims of duty, and the pleasure of doing good. Let the religious state of the country be made the subject of frequent conversation among those who love God: let it be often before their eye, and always on their hearts. Let them be frequent