

propriate sermons on some Sabbath in the year. To those, or to former letters relating to the magazine, I have received replies from some of the brethren, thanking me for securing such privileges for them, but doubting whether they could do any thing pecuniarily or regularly for the Society, or stating that the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions appeared to them to have a prior claim upon our churches.

One brother, after expressing his warm attachment to the London Missionary Society, says:—"But my *decided* opinion is that we, as churches, should support the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions, and the more especially now that the Presbyterian Church has cut off from its supply so much. * * We are nearer locally to the headquarters of the Board, and can at no very great expense attend the annual meeting. Our churches might make us honorary members of the Board. We could at very moderate expense and trouble have annual visits from returned missionaries. Funds are much more easily remitted. Monthly intelligence can be had in time for missionary concerts, *free to pastors and secretary*, of contributing churches. Our young men and women too, ministers and others, might the more easily and more likely get into the mission field."

Another brother writes thus:—"It is not very likely that we shall be able to do any thing pecuniarily for the London Missionary Society with regularity, so many of our people are constantly removing. We have, therefore, as much as we can do to pay our way—only recently have we become self-supporting."

Now to the class represented by the first extract, I would remark that while as an honorary member of the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions, (thanks to the kind liberality of W. Seymour, Esq., of Montreal), I deeply sympathize in all the objects of its mission, and in all the labours of its agents, &c. And while I can feel the force, to some extent, of the arguments of our brother in favour of that Board, yet I think our connexion with the old country, and the fact that the first Colonial missionaries sent to Canada were sent out by the London Missionary Society, prior to the formation of the

Colonial "Missionary" Society, seem in my view to give that Society a prior claim upon the sympathy and support of our churches.

And to the latter type of brethren, I would reply, let us be as poor as we may, we should not deprive our people of the opportunity of contributing regularly to objects so deeply claiming our sympathy and aid, or of engaging in an act so ennobling to all the better principles of our nature. If we cannot secure any direct organization or Sabbath collections once a year, the plan in operation among us in Granby might be carried out or improved upon. We are suffering, like all smaller communities where manufactures, &c., do not thrive, from the removal continually from our midst of those who are considered to be the very life of Christian activity in our churches. We hold a monthly missionary concert, and have a box fixed at the door of the church for contributions for foreign missions, and on retiring they are reminded of the opportunity thus afforded to them of showing practically the interest they feel in the cause of foreign missions. Thus during the past year we were enabled to send \$4 to the American Missionary Association for its work among the coloured people, and \$5 to the London Missionary Society. Small sums assuredly, but the privilege was here secured, and by many rejoiced in.

Hoping that all our brethren will, without prejudice to local claims, do what they can to keep those of foreign missions before their people, and get them to contribute somewhat in some way to the London Missionary Society, connected with which, as an humble agent, I first commenced my ministerial life, and for which, from my boyhood, I have ever felt a lively attachment.

I remain, my dear brother,
Yours very truly,
JAMES HOWELL.

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MY DEAR SIR,—My sole object in publishing the first letter which I sent you, was to vindicate the Missionary Committee and myself from a wanton