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Christians, who might otherwise be disunited ; and thus there might be collected in many spots throughout the wilderness, Churches, who might continue "stedfastly in the Apostles doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer."

Besides it cannot be denied, that a large portion of the inhabitants throughout the District, partly from want of a religious education, and partly from long destitution of religious ordinances, have fallen into a state of deep spiritual indifference, in which they care for none of these things, live without God and without religious hope in the world. The Bible is with them a neglected book, and when an opportunity of attending the preaching of the word does occur, they will not make the slightest effort to embrace it. Thus there is no small danger that both the doctrines and institutions of the gospel of salvation will be utterly forgotten by them. The distribution of religious Tracts offers *one* means of checking such a movement towards absolute heathenism. Were such as mourn over the prevailing ungodliness to put now and then into the hands of those around them a few well selected Tracts, accompanied with affectionate remonstrance, and fervent prayer, the divine blessing would not be denied. From these more precious than sybilline leaves, some sentence might catch the eye of one who had practically denied the Lord that bought him, and might bring him back an humble worshipper of the cross, the obligations to which he had almost forgotten.

By efforts of this kind combined as they will always be with other means, ordained for the extension of the Church, we might hope that God will cause her to take deep root, and fill the land ; that she will send out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

Your Committee are perfectly aware that the end for which this society is instituted, cannot be answered by the mere collection of funds, and keeping a large supply of Tracts in the Depository. These are only means to an end ; funds are necessary for the purchase of Tracts, but the Tracts are only as so much waste paper if they are left to lie on the book shelves of the Depo-