

Qualification for membership has been fixed low—very low, just in order that the greatest possible number of persons, may enjoy the satisfaction, the luxury of systematically aiding to carry the Word of life to those places that have long sat in darkness. A dollar a year—only five pence a month, but little over a penny a week. Who so straitened among us, that feels for the condition of their fellow men unregenerate, but will cheerfully assume the responsibility of such a membership, promptly discharging its duties?

Then, whenever it can be conveniently done—pay in advance. There is thus more pleasure to the giver—there is more advantage to the Society. Again then we say—and we ask it in His name, who has guaranteed that, but “a cup of cold water given to a disciple, in the name of a disciple shall not lose its reward”—give us your names, brethren and sisters, and friends of Christ and of His cause, as members—and give us your subscriptions in advance.

In the absence of any other agency we forward you this appeal. Perhaps we are taking too much liberty, we hope not—but we ask it of the pastors of our churches, we claim it from the deacons and office-bearers, we urge it upon all who love the souls of men, and Him that made them, that they circulate this our Constitution, these remarks and this our appeal, that they thus take it upon themselves to act as our agents to obtain memberships, furnishing our secretary with a copy of all subscriber's names, and remitting proceeds to our treasurer.

The Constitution it will be observed is adapted to, and contemplates the co-operation of Auxiliaries, and funds may to a large extent be designated by donors themselves.

In the early history of the Provinces the preachers of our denomination were all more or less missionaries. It was missionary effort that planted most of our churches. The modern pastor however, is required constantly among his people,—and therefore we need a system by which weak churches may be aided and new ones planted.

Fifty churches within the limits of our three Associations are reported as being without pastors, some of these return a hundred members and upwards in their fellowship, and many of them are destitute of any regular stated preaching.