

tionaries, as much as their occupation in preaching the Gospel, and taking care of the Souls of the poor Heathen will permit, do their utmost to earn their own bread by the work of their hands, and thus to make the care of those employed in providing what is necessary for the Missions as easy as possible to them. This is more particularly the case in some places, as in St. Thomas, where our Brethren have been able, through the regulations they have made, to provide for their maintenance almost entirely; so that now commonly nothing falls upon the Diaconate of the Missions, except the journeys and voyages thither and back again, and such extraordinary expences, as building of chapels, &c.

In the year 1742 some Brethren, who live in London, formed themselves into a society, by the name of the Brethren's Society for the furtherance of the Gospel, with a view to assist in this blessed work, to which they were the more encouraged, as a great part of the Missionaries, who pass and repass, naturally go by the way of London. This little Society in the beginning did more than they themselves, at first, could have expected. It was however for several years in a declining state. But, about two years ago, the old members of the Society formed themselves anew into a body, to which they added several others. Since then they have continued in a state of blessed activity, and been enabled by their own voluntary contributions, by gifts from friends out of our circle, and by two small legacies, to lend real assistance to the Missionaries who have

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