

There is a great want both of more labourers to do this work, and also of more alms to provide these labourers with food and raiment and the other necessities of life, and the only way of supplying this want is first to deepen by prayer and by closer communion with our Lord our own sense of duty, and then to seek to persuade those to whom we minister, to offer with us of their substance unto the Lord, and to be ready with us to meet any claim which God may make upon our children's hearts, with the cheerful obedience of faith and love.

With regard to the former gifts, very much is certainly within our power; but with regard to the latter, the service of our children, we can only try to be fellow-workers with the grace of God in training up our children to say, in answer to any call which they may receive from God, 'Here am I, send me.'

I am not without hope that there are already many young men who have been blessed with such a training and who are ready to give themselves unto the Lord for such service. But I am persuaded that this number would receive a great increase from God, if we gave such separation for the ministry in our colonies and dependencies, and amongst the heathen, a more fixed and distinct place in our teaching.

But I write this letter to you not only to remind you that we ought to teach that the support of missions is a necessary expression of Christian faith and love, but also to ask you to join with me in helping those who may be led by the Holy Spirit to desire to work in the mission field, to prepare themselves for it.

No new organisation is required to give method and system to our endeavours. Churchmen living within the limits either of each rural deanery, or if any such division happen to be too small, of several rural deaneries combined, or if still more united action be deemed better, the clergy and laity in each archdeaconry can unite to elect candidates and provide means for their education.

Such education may be given by clergymen who may have special qualifications for training missionaries, or may be supplied at St. Augustine's College, or the College of the Church Missionary Society at Islington.

One advantage of using the smaller organisation of one or more rural deaneries for the purposes of a Missionary Association, rather than the large one of the diocese, or even of one of the archdeaconries, is that it would, I think, be easier to collect money for the education of a particular missionary student in whom Churchmen are interested by local circumstances, than for the general purpose of training missionaries.

But if it is judged that this advantage is counterbalanced by other considerations—and this has been the case in one part of my diocese—I am quite ready to believe that such a decision has been made wisely, and I readily acquiesce in such an arrangement.

Only let us all, whether in larger or in smaller associations, be doing our best to fix before our own hearts, and the hearts of those committed to us, the claims of Missions; and, above all things, let our more abundant zeal in this glorious cause take its rise out of more frequent and more earnest prayers to Him from whom alone "all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed."

I enclose you a Form of Prayer, * which I hope may help you to use that power with God which a Christian has through the intercession of Jesus Christ, and all who use it between eight and ten o'clock on a Friday morning, either privately or in their families, will, I trust, be joining with me and many of our brethren, both clergy and laymen, in united supplications before the Throne of Grace for the strengthening and extension of the Missions of our Church.—I remain, my dear brethren, your affectionate friend and Bishop,

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