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in planting churches of the Baptist faith. And let us not forget that the same class of general agencies employed by God for the spread of the gospel among the destitute, is ordained by Him as most conducive to the life, and health, and growth of the churches already established; so that by lending our aid to those who are needy, and who may be locally removed far from us, we are at the same time aiding ourselves, and the cause of Christ in our own immediate localities. Thus illustrating the truth of Scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive. And also, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." But, though these truths have often been strikingly illustrated, yet more frequently have we learned to our sorrow, that "there is that withholdeth more than it meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

As means and agencies within our reach, and which should be employed in behalf of the cause of Home Missions, I have instanced a *sanctified Press*, for it has given us the printed *WORD* of God, instructive and profitable religious books, tracts and periodicals. I have mentioned the necessity of a living and devoted ministry, called of God to preach the gospel, because it has pleased God "through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." I have referred to prayer, because "The effectual fervent prayers of the righteous avail much." And to the free and voluntary moneyed contributions of our churches and congregations for without money, it is utterly impossible to sustain the institutions of religion; and to the importance of Auxiliary Societies in connection with all the churches, and to have said Societies hold a real, and not a merely nominal relation to the General Missionary Society because this course of action is not only feasible in all our different localities, but it would act as a conveyer of more direct information on the subject of missions; create a wholesome emulation among the brotherhood; awaken more of sympathy for one another in the good work; expand more uniformly the energies of the denomination; equalize more truly the burdens to be borne and the necessary expenses to be met; while such a course would tend to concentrate our endeavours to promote, the same great object and at the same time secure a readier and a larger supply of missionary funds, with which to enable the Parent Board to operate. I speak of the necessity of harmonizing throughout the entire body, for "in union there is strength;" and, of our firm and constant reliance upon the Holy Spirit, because "Paul may plant and Apollos water," but God alone has power "to give the increase."

With these brief suggestions, and with a view to the introduction of another important subject for your consideration, I forbear to extend my remarks upon the subject thus far presented, and now come to notice.

2nd. The solemn obligation resting upon us, to renew our covenant with God and with one another, that in the divine strength