

upon our Western Churches, and the success of the past warrants continued effort to give to that interesting people the Word of Life. Still it is painfully evident that in proportion to our numbers and ability, and in view of the wide and effectual doors presenting themselves on every hand, we are doing far too little for the Home field.

5. The salutary reflex influence that would doubtless flow from enlarging our Home Mission efforts, affords another motive to arise and attempt greater things for God. It is an obvious fact that many of our churches do not give in proportion to their ability. And it may be that here is one secret of the cold, fruitless, stationary condition of many of our more wealthy churches. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty." If then we would enjoy peace and prosperity within our borders, let us "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" seek to do what we can to give the gospel we love to those deprived of its inestimable blessings.

And now, dear Brethren, having stated these *motives* for the enlargement of our Home Mission Agency, we proceed to submit for the consideration of the Churches and as the result of much prayerful thought, the following *suggestions* which we feel confident, if properly carried out, will, with the Divine blessing, realize the results desired:

1. We suggest the desirableness, wherever practicable, of combining several weak churches situated within a convenient distance from each other, and of constituting the same a Home Mission Station, to be placed in charge of a suitable Brother who shall be appointed in concurrence with the wishes of said churches, and who shall labour as a Missionary Pastor. All such appointments to be made with a view to permanence and with the understanding that, as soon as possible, the stations become self-sustaining. Meanwhile the amount raised by the combined effort of these