

The means of religious improvement have since his time greatly increased, and the amount of good which has been done has multiplied greatly. And we are now called in our associated capacity to witness what our blessed Lord has done, and is still doing, for the glory of his great name in this place, and are constrained to offer to Him our thanksgiving and praise.

From this highly favoured spot, then, we now, dear Brethren, address you. The tidings from many of our churches is highly interesting—ransomed souls are flocking as clouds and doves to their windows, while others are mourning for sin, and intreating your prayers that their captivity may speedily be brought to an end.

The success that has attended the various Institutions connected with the spreading kingdom of the Redeemer, and which are fostered by our churches, we think call for some grateful returns. That God has so far owned our exertions, humble and feeble indeed though they be, calls for thanksgiving, prayer, and joint exertion for the still greater extension of his cause and kingdom.

The Bible Society, in its steady march onward to enlighten the world, has astonished both friends and foes, and if any should think that it withholds its aid from any one object which is worthy of support—still, while it so nobly keeps in view its great primary purpose, that of disseminating the word of life among the perishing thousands of mankind, it surely claims our continued support. Its rapid progress, too, gives us encouragement that it shall accomplish the noble ends its great author intended to effect by it in its original formation.

We would also bring to your notice the cause of Missions. Our Home and Foreign Societies are assuming an attitude of importance which calls on all who love the souls of men to rejoice in their success, to sympathize with their wants, and to listen to the lamentations and cries for help, that are sounding forth from every corner of our land. United prayer, too, is called for, to the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers, and to bless the exertions now being made to sustain those he sends. Dear brethren, we are encouraged to attempt great things, though our means at present are small. Those societies who are in our van, began with small means, but as doors of usefulness opened their resources increased; and if their funds have not been fully equal to the demands made upon them, perhaps this has been to try the faith, and excite to renewed exertion and persevering diligence those who are the true friends of Zion. Oh! whitened fields are before us, calling aloud for labourers, and can we remain without feeling—or feeling, can we be idle? God forbid.

Tract Societies have the same object in view, viz. To communicate Bible truth far and near. These Societies act as noble auxiliaries to the living missionary. At a small expense they travel far by sea and land—and in heathen countries men have been led by them to come from a great distance, and inquire for JESUS CHRIST'S MAN, and to listen to what the missionary had to say for his blessed Master, and from his lips to learn the way to heaven and glory.

In the next place we would present to the view of our dear Brethren, our Education Society, which, in its various departments, has most powerful claims on our regard. So much so, that the success of all our