

means, and they keep regular accounts of the receipts and disbursements. The Diaconate of the Missions have not only the care of providing for the Missionaries on their voyages and journeys by land and sea; of supporting them, as far as lies in their power, when they are among the Heathen; but also of providing for their children in the schools appointed for the education of our children in Europe or America, and also for the widows of such who depart this life in the labour among the Heathen.

The Brethren who at present are employed in providing for the Missions in general, have an arduous task; they serve joyfully the work of God among the Heathen without any salary, and their only recompence is, that they are employed in such an important cause of our Lord, and that they assist in the propagation of the Gospel.

It would be impossible for these Brethren to provide all that is required for the support of the Missions, if on the one hand the Lord had not enkindled a Zeal in our Congregations, and in the hearts of the members thereof, and of those friends out of our circle, who wish to see the Kingdom of God come, and who have been informed of the circumstances of our Missions, to take share in, and to lend real assistance to this work of God, so that the poorest are willing to throw in their mites: and if, on the other hand, our Missionaries and their Assistants among the Heathen, did not make it their concern to be as frugal as possible. The Missionaries,