

Difficulties have sometimes arisen where appearances were favourable and the soil which at first seemed likely to become the recipient of Divine truth and yield an abundant harvest has ultimately proved barren and unfruitful. When this occurs surely we cannot imagine any inadequacy in the truth itself which is the Word of God, and cannot return unto him void. It becomes us then under these circumstances, Christian friends! contributors, collectors, and distributors, to take heed to ourselves, and ascertain whether we are actuated by the Holy Spirit in this our endeavour to advance the cause of God—and prayerfully invoke a needful supply of Divine grace. Who has not heard of the miraculous effect of prayer? Who has never in their own experience been able to testify to its all potent spell?

In the present crisis of the world's history loud calls are made to each soldier of the cross to put on the Christian armour and fight valiantly in a cause which affects the immortal destinies of individuals and nations—remembering then that the weapons to be used are not carnal but spiritual, and mighty through God to the bringing down of the strongholds, let us persevere under any discouragement, feeling assured that nothing asked in faith will be denied. The cause of the Bible Society is the cause of truth, the cause of humanity, the cause of God. In the words of Dr. Mason, "The cause of the Bible Society is not the cause of a few visionaries, inebriated by romantic projects. It is the cause of more than giant undertakings, in a regular and progressive operation. The decisive battle has been fought, opposition comes now too late. He who would arrest the

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