

contemptuous glance or prayerless slight. God's work is one; in it there are no separate interests. It gives us, therefore, pleasure, to bring before our readers an appeal, on behalf of the Colonial Missionary Society, by the esteemed Secretary, the Rev. Thomas James :

"The Committee cannot take a review of the operations of the important Society it is their duty to conduct, without feeling grateful to the many friends who, in the metropolis and in the provinces, have so generously and so constantly sustained them by their sympathy, their prayers, and their contributions. The success which has hitherto crowned the efforts put forth, may be regarded as the answer to such prayers, and the reward of such liberality. But, whilst thankful for the increasing support which they have received, the Committee cannot shut their eyes to the fact, that still, comparatively, a very small number of the British churches have yet manifested any interest in the objects the Society exists to promote, or responded to the frequent appeals which have been addressed to them. From not a fourth part of the churches has any help been derived. Even from some whole counties not a single sovereign has been received. In most congregations, some missionary organization exists in aid of measures for sending the Gospel to the heathen. This is well, and the larger the amount contributed the better. 'The world is the field,' and a noble, a God-like thing it is to endeavour to scatter the seed of the kingdom to its utmost limits. But it cannot be right nor is it necessary, in doing this, to neglect those regions of the earth occupied by our own 'kindred after the flesh,' multitudes of whom were once our neighbours and acquaintances—yea, our fellow-worshippers in this the land of their nativity.

"In endeavouring to account for this neglect, it has been found that many entertain the idea that the colonies do not need our help; that their material prosperity is such, that they are better able to meet the cost which missions involve, than the churches at home are to help them. But very little thought is necessary to show the fallacy of this notion. Were all the colonists Christian men—men who cared for the salvation of their own souls, or the souls of others—we might safely leave them to themselves. Their own appreciation of the value of the ordinances of religion, would prompt them to make it their first and chief concern to provide for themselves and their families the means of grace and salvation. Just as in this country, were all the inhabitants of a given locality sincerely converted to God, there would be no necessity for home missions. It is evident, both in the one case and in the other, that there is wealth enough to render pecuniary aid, *ab extra*, altogether superfluous. But a moment's consideration will show that, although there is gold in Australia and corn in Canada, it is not found in any great abundance in the possession of those who are concerned for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. Unless, therefore, faithful ministers are sent from Britain, and a little pecuniary aid is rendered for a short time, the few Christian people that are found in different localities will be discouraged, and the multitudes by whom they are surrounded be left to perish in their ignorance and sin.

"The Committee are now earnestly entreated to send during the present year no fewer than ten additional ministers to Victoria. For these, stations of interest and importance are open, where congregations, it is believed, might at once be gathered, and where they will be immediately and amply provided for. In addition to which, the friends in Melbourne will contribute half the cost of their voyage and outfit. Can it be that the British churches will decline or neglect to render the aid which is necessary to fulfil so manifest a duty? The Committee cherish the hope that all who may read these lines will so promptly and liberally respond to this appeal as to enable them to pursue the work devolved on them, free from the anxiety which insufficient resources cannot fail to occasion. Besides the ministers required for Victoria, the Committee are requested to send, with the least possible delay, two to New South Wales, one to New Zealand, and one to Western Australia. Fourteen ministers to be sent within the year! Let British Christians, by their timely liberality, enable the Committee to accomplish this work, and they would feel that their year's labour would be abundantly rewarded