

tween the home church and the foreign field is an essential condition of true missionary zeal. It brings the two closer together, and supplies a bond of mutual sympathy ; and so far is it from diminishing interest in the general work, it rather increases it. In our own pastoral experience we have found that to have a missionary supported by a church in a particular station makes every other missionary and his work dearer, and helps the whole cause. But we look in the coming age of missions to see the churches united in great enterprises for God.

1. For example, why should there not be a grand *Society for Regions Beyond*, representing all denominations, whose office would be to explore new territory, to apportion laborers to unoccupied fields, to act as a committee on comity, and interpose to prevent friction, overlapping of work, and clashing between societies and workmen ?

2. Why not a *Pioneer Bureau*, to receive and guide newly arriving missionaries, instruct them in the peculiarities of climate, local diseases and their preventives and remedies, and, in brief, prepare workers for intelligent occupation of new fields, and so prevent needless waste of life, and hundreds of serious blunders ?

3. We look for a great *Education and Sustentation* scheme, which shall provide for the training and support of missionary candidates, and which shall provide for a part of their training *on the field*. As it is, no doubt time and strength are wasted in part in the curriculum of study. There is a general preparation which the college and seminary can give ; but there is a specific preparation only to be had on the field itself ; and some of the wisest missionaries have said that if the latter half of the candidates' training could be had where he is to labor, under control of resident missionaries, they could secure greater fitness for the work to be done.

4. We see no reason why there might not be a *Missionary Transportation* Society, owned and supported by the Church, to transport without cost missionaries and supplies, and become a means of mutual communication, as well as to furnish passage for workers who need rest. If Pastor Harms's poor people at Hermannsburgh could build the *Candace* to carry their workers to the field, cannot the whole Church provide transport for its mission band ?

5. Why might we not have a great *Society for Christian Literature*, providing not only Bibles, tracts, and religious books, but setting up printing presses wherever needed, and supplying in the vernacular the needed helps to popular education ?

6. We look, in the coming age, to see *godly women representing the Church* upon our great Boards of Missions, partly for the infusion of their counsel and spirit into the work, and partly for the quickening of their own interest in the general prosecution of missions by a personal participation in its conduct. At present we have women working on their own boards, but in separation. Will not the time come when there will be no separate women's boards, but instead a union of men and women in the administration of the whole work ?