

them broadcast over our country. Remaining true to their respective Churches, and retaining their liberty to worship God according to their own prescribed forms and cherished views, they here cordially and heartily unite on one common broad platform in disseminating those truths on which they are agreed. Hence books and Tracts on controverted points are excluded. Keeping steadily in view the great object of making known to lost sinners the fulness, the freeness, and the sufficiency of Christ and His salvation, and man's entire dependence upon divine grace, a spirit of harmony and love has characterised the counsels and efforts of the Committee.

The *relations* of the Society to the Churches are intimate. All its officers and laborers are members—some office-bearers and some Pastors—of the various evangelical Churches. Our work is simply auxiliary to that of the ministry, and yet an important part of the work of the Church. The same truths are disseminated, and the same duties inculcated, that are preached and enforced in all evangelical pulpits, and that are owned by the Spirit of Truth everywhere in saving souls. The great objects of the ministry and of the Church are thus advanced. The *readers* of our publications become more intelligent and appreciative *hearers* of the Gospel, ignorance is dispelled, prejudice removed, the careless awakened, the inquirer directed, the believer quickened, and the desponding encouraged. The *scheme* of the *Church* will be better supported, through the circulation of works on systematic beneficence, as well as by the higher tone of intelligence and piety promoted by the reading of standard religious works. In the same way every good cause will be helped forward, while no good work will be retarded through the influence of our Society. The number of readers will be increased, the Word of God will be more largely circulated, read, and studied more, Sabbath Schools will be increased and made more efficient, and teachers better qualified for their work.

The *objects* of our Society must commend themselves to every lover of God and of His fellow-men. Those objects, briefly stated, are the salvation of souls, and the promotion of the interests of morality and religion, by installing as household pastors, in the homes of the people, the best productions of sanctified genius, seeking out, in the highways and hedges, the spiritually destitute, ignorant, and careless, making known to them the glad tidings of salvation, and supplying our whole population with the most valued Periodicals and books that are issued from the religious press.