

drew from the fund of the *poor* heathen in London, in two years, £2451 3s 11½d currency more than they collected and put into said fund.

If all Christendom were to act upon the same principle, how long before the heathen would be converted to the Christian faith, and when may the commencement of the Millennium be expected? I have examined several of their Foreign Missionary Reports, and find that the larger the sum that is collected and sent to London, that the larger is the sum drawn from that fund. This statement may serve to account for the untiring zeal that is manifested in collecting in behalf of the *poor* heathen. In 1842 there were fifteen missionaries in the Nova Scotia district, and when the above named sum is divided among them, with the amount collected purposely on each station for their support, will make up a pretty good salary. Will it not? But the question will be asked, Why collect money in the name of the heathen, and send it home to I know not at an annual expense of about £50, if the people are to *poor* support their own ministers. I will give what I can for the best answer to this question.—The ministers do acknowledge the amount they get annually. They collect a sum in the name of the *poor* heathen, or for the Home Mission, as they call it, and have several ways of doing this in order to swell the sum into a respectable amount. Then they make use of the name of the *poor* heathen for the purpose of collecting money that could not be obtained in any other way, for many will contribute to send the gospel to the heathen, who would not give any thing towards the support of a Methodist Missionary in Nova Scotia. Thus, by this sort of deception, for several years past, over £900 annually, have been collected to support the gospel among the *heathen* of Nova Scotia. The poor bereaved widow and fatherless children are called upon to give something out of their scanty earnings towards sending the gospel to the pagans, and their state is described in such pathetic language and glowing expressions, that the generous hearts of the widow and fatherless have been called into action, and they have been fleeced of half of what they possessed, to send the bread of life to those who dwell in the “habitations of cruelty.” The ministers have publicly made these statements at their Missionary meetings, and then to induce others to give, have put down their own names and those of their wives and children.—