

that was brought under the notice of your Committee, was the practicability of appointing persons to go around and distribute copies of the Scriptures amongst the families of the vicinity, as had been done on a former occasion, but it was deemed more prudent to defer such a step for some time, especially as the former liberal supply, supplemented by the sales, from time to time, by the Depositary, would, as they thought, render the undertaking unnecessary. Your Committee are happy to be enabled to state, that, the number of copies of the Sacred Scriptures sold by the Depositary during the past year has been very satisfactory, the value of the copies sold amounting to \$30. It must be a matter of pleasure to all to find that the Depositary is doing such good work amongst us.

In conclusion your Committee would earnestly beseech all who have an interest in the extension of Christ's cause, who have a sincere desire that through the instrumentality of this blessed book, and the outpouring of God's spirit: the kingdoms of the earth may become the kingdoms of Christ and his Lord—that righteousness and peace should cover the earth as the waters do the channels of the mighty deep—to lend a helping hand in this cause—to assist by labours and contributions, to disseminate the bread of life; surely since we, by the grace of God, have enough and to spare, we will not be so insensible to the wants of those of our fellow creatures, who are perishing for lack of meat, as not at least to give to them the crumbs that fall from the midst of our abundance. Your Committee would invite and exhort all to renewed exertions in this honourable work, they would invite all to rally around the Gospel standard, to disseminate the truths of that blessed book, which was given by a compassionate God to poor ignorant man, as his guide through this vale, darkened by clouds of sin. There is much to encourage us, let us not overlook the signs of the times—mighty events are looming in the distance—let us not then be standing idly by—but let us see to it that we are performing our duty in the vineyard, humble though it may be. And have not mighty events transpired during the past year, has not the spirit of God been moving mightily on the face of the earth, causing such a revival of religion as has not perhaps been equalled since the time of the Apostles; the signs are ominous. There is still another voice calling upon your sympathies in this matter—Oh how loudly does it call—Hear we not it ringing in our ears—'Tis the cry from the benighted heathen lands—Yes,

Ask what mean those lamentations,  
Rolling sadly through the sky:  
'Tis the cry of Heathen nations  
"Come and help us or we die."  
"Hear the heathen sad complaining  
Christians? hear their dying cry,  
And the love of Christ constraining  
Join to help them ere they die."

And shall this cry fall unheeded upon our ears? Surely, surely not, but let us use ourselves as humble instruments in God's hand, to bring about that happy and glorious time when

The beam that shines from Sion hill  
Shall lighten every land;  
The king who reigns in Salem's towers  
Shall all the world command.