

among the young converts, and do not discourage a hopeful young christian from the work, because you have known him from infancy, but rather place encouragements in his way, believing that the Lord will answer your prayers, even in your midst. Let us act as though we believed our petitions would be answered. Many petitions are formally offered at the throne of grace when answers are not even desired; many more are sincerely and earnestly desired which are not expected and waited for. Let us pray and seek answers to our petitions in our midst and round about us.

III. Since the Convention is a home society organized with express reference to the wants of the field, we would recommend to the Churches that they should each become auxiliary to the Convention, by organizing with Treasurer, Secretary and Collectors, that stated meetings should be held, at which information would be received, and thus the interest in the Missionary effort kept alive. We must not stop with prayer for laborers—we must seek them; we must not stop with obtaining laborers—we must support them; in order to support them, systematic efforts must be resorted to; by a spasmodic effort a Missionary may be sustained for a few months, and if the fit does not come on again, he may starve the rest of the year. Such system as we require for supporting our brethren in Missionary labor, can only be effectually carried out by general union among the Churches. The Churches of our Association are neither numerous, wealthy, nor large enough to form an independent society, and wherefore should they? when we have a Home Missionary Society? Come, brethren, let us all rally round the Convention; let us pray for it; let us give into its treasury; let us expect assistance from it in sustaining men.

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.” Eph. 6 : 10, 23 24.