

money for religious purposes with a view to posterity, we shall find little encouragement to act upon such a plan. It is well known, that many of the Socinian preachers in England are supported by money destined by pious individuals to preserve the *gospel of Jesus* in the congregations to which they belonged. The Lord thus teaches us, that he will be served by *the living*, that we should, in our day and generation, be ready to every good work, and leave the future care of the church to Him upon whose shoulders the government is laid, who has, in every age, raised up instruments to accomplish his purposes, and who will continue to do so.

We do not intend then to cramp our present exertions by anxious thoughts about to-morrow; or to ensnare ourselves, by endeavouring to accumulate or preserve a capital, which necessarily diminishes present exertions, checks the grace of liberality, and is always exposed to the risk of being in some way diverted from its original destination, or even employed in direct opposition to it. When opportunities offer, as we have freely received, we will freely distribute.

HAVING thus, dear brethren, set before you the origin and progress of this work, suffer us to intreat you to lay the subject seriously to heart. To you, dear brethren, members of our sister churches, we look with confidence for your prayers, your advice, your liberal support. The utmost frugality shall be studied; but still the expences must be considerable. We are well assured, that nothing shall be wanting on your part. Ye know the grace of the Lord Jesus, who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be rich. This gospel supports us under trouble; it gives a relish to the comforts of life, and enables us to look forward to death with joyful expectation. Shall we not, beloved, endeavour to impart to others those consolations wherewith we are comforted of God?—Let us remember also, that God will not forget our labours of love. Our brethren have left their friends to preach the gospel: shall we not be ready to assist them, that we may be fellow helpers of the truth? Yes, beloved; if it be necessary we will abridge ourselves of some superfluities for this blessed purpose, assured that it will be no grief of heart to us when leaving the world, that we denied ourselves in order to win souls for Christ. It is true that none of our missionaries are as yet labouring among heathens commonly so called; but is their sphere less important? No; it will aggravate the condemnation of many that they ever heard of Jesus Christ. Shall we then neglect to call them to repentance, because they have the name of Christians? Shall we overlook millions of perishing sinners in our neighbourhood, to whom we can publish the gospel at a