

Let me however waive all these items, or, if you please, these sectarian symptoms, and proceed to the burthen of this communication. I am, for one, pleased that you are laboring in Jamaica. I am happy to learn through the Harbinger and Review that your labor in the gospel is effectual in adding to the number of the saved. Every convert to the Lord in Jamaica is my brother. In this my heart is glad. But my heart cannot rejoice that you call yourself or that others call you a missionary. Neither by tongue nor by pen can I pray for you as a mission-man sent and supported by an instrument called a Society which is as much 'American' as 'Christian,' and as much 'Missionary' as either American or Christian.

But I am able, in love, to pray for you both as a brother and as a laborer in the gospel—for I believe the new establishment did not make you either a brother or a laborer. Should the 'Baptist missionary society' send funds to you in Jamaica (and would not Baptist missionary funds be as valuable as American missionary funds?) while I could not pray for the Baptist missionary structure nor for you as their mission worker, I could still remember you at the Mercy-seat as a relative and a workman in Christ, the proof being furnished that you were such.

Missionaries, my brother, if you will not be offended at my plainness of speech—missionaries and evangelists are two orders of laborers. Jerusalem and Antioch, and all similar soil, will produce evangelists; Rome and London, and places of like fertility, will give us a crop of missionaries. A missionary I put down in the list of sectarian luxuries—like all luxuries, he is a costly article—like all luxuries, he is an unhealthy commodity. I cannot therefore call you a missionary. And if an evangelist, able and intent to 'do the work of an evangelist,' I am divinely as well as joyfully obligated to clasp you to my soul and cheer your heart and hold up your hands as your position requires and as my opportunity enables.

And this leads me to speak of how, as a laborer in the gospel, you should 'live of the gospel.' If my memory be not at fault, you were 'coming in and going out with them' at Bedford, Ohio, when it was proposed that you should go as far as Jamaica. The brethren at Bedford, therefore, knowing your gifts 'of nature and of grace,' were Christ's chosen men to take active steps to appoint and send you to Jamaica or send you out to labor where you knew you could be useful. If the