

any additional Church could, more or less, support a missionary in those still "dark places of the earth," whose inhabitants are "perishing for lack of knowledge," we feel persuaded that we should find no occasion to repent of our christian beneficence. To this point, therefore, we would earnestly and respectfully solicit your attention.

In relation to other religious denominations, we would affectionately request you, while always true to your own cause, to cherish towards them, an enlightened charity, and sincere friendship. In every laudable and scriptural undertaking, "bid them God speed." Avoid even all appearance of hostile or party interference, "lest haply ye be found to fight against God." Matters confessedly obscure, and difficult; and "of doubtful disputation," make the subjects of moderation and forbearance. The angry strifes of professing christians exercise a blasting influence on vital Godliness. Co-operation with others, when there is no sacrifice of moral principle, is seemly and profitable.

Love all men. Do good to all men as you have opportunity. Pray for all. By your speech and action, recommend the gospel of Christ. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." "Follow" peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Brethren, while we claim the privilege of thus addressing you, we would feel, at the same time, our own obligations. These are special and sacred. In proportion as your spiritual interests are committed to us, so is our responsibility augmented. Of this we would be deeply and humbly sensible. In surveying the nature of our trust, and aware of our own inadequacy, we would exclaim with an Apostle, "who is sufficient for these things?" But directing our hopes to the great source of strength, we would be enabled to say, "Our sufficiency is of God." Brethren, "pray