

appropriation of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and the souls purchased by his blood. The doctrines, discipline, and character of the Methodists are before the world; and, if it has pleased God by them to moralize so great a portion of the community at home, and to diffuse the vigour of spiritual life through every part of the land; if too their labours among the heathen have been eminently owned of God! and if this great work at home and abroad has been effected without any counterbalance of evil, civil or religious: we are emboldened to rely upon the support of the pious and benevolent at large, and to offer the Methodist Missionary Society as a proper and effectual medium, through which their bounty may be distributed to the heathen.

To the Methodist Societies and Congregations we particularly address ourselves. Distinguished as you have ever been for zeal and charity, you will not forfeit our confidence. You are yourselves, as a People, the fruit of Missionary labours. Your great founder was himself a Missionary to the heathen, and was proceeding on that errand of love, when he received those clear views of the doctrines of the Gospel, which he afterwards preached at home with such distinguished success. Your societies, your chapels, your privileges and enjoyments, are all the results of that *home mission* which God has crowned with so great a blessing; and, in the full enjoyment of these riches of grace, we know you feel for the emptiness and wants of others. The Christian world moves at this moment in one grand concert, to extend the dominion of the Son of God; and you are summoned to new and bolder efforts. The hand of God marks out your way; that hand which has been with you from the beginning. The voice of providence calls; and calls, we are persuaded, to a willing people. The object is to send forth labourers into fields "white for the harvest." And what will this cost you? Collectively the exertion will be great, but individually small:—a few pence weekly, a few shillings or pounds annually, as God hath blessed you, abstracted from superfluities and the calls of artificial wants; a mite cast into that treasury of the Lord which is to furnish the bread of life to myriads of dying men. Let the love of Christ constrain you. Let every man ask "What can *I* do in this glorious work?" "what personally? what by my influence upon my Children, my Servants, my Neighbours, my Friends?"—*Pious Females*, to you we particularly appeal. You owe much to Christianity, and have now an opportunity of acknowledging your obligation, in a way highly honourable to yourselves, incalculably beneficial to myriads of your own sex, and well-pleasing to God. Be you the eloquent advocates and active Supporters of the Missionary Cause.—*Young People* of our Congregations and Societies, we also look to you for assistance. What many of you do waste in idly, and devote to purposes of vanity or vice, let it be your resolution to consecrate to God, and to the extension of his work, so as to "lay up a good foundation for the time to come." Let all remember that the motives are of the strongest nature; and that you are not called to help those who are not willing, to the utmost of their power, to help themselves. Many even of the poor Blacks in the West Indies regularly and cheerfully contribute, out of their scanty and hard-gotten earnings, a *weekly subscrip-*

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