

instrumentality—to aid in the design of furnishing one missionary for the preaching of Christ's Gospel in the remote places of our Island, where the Church is seen without a Minister, and members, originally belonging to Established Faith, in England, driven to choose between the neglect of public worship and the joining themselves and children to some separated body which holds the stock from which it has separated itself in little estimation.

Your Society (as it is bound), holds the forms and orders of the Established Church to be a safeguard to the Christianity of this country, and therefore should not rest contented while its children are deprived of the bread which it esteems wholesome and proper for their spiritual nourishment. Churchmen, ruled by just and conscientious considerations, should remember how much England does for this Island in maintaining six clergymen resident within it. Could it be thought unreasonable, should she ask of us to establish one, as a pioneer, to clear the way for future operations? Have we not sufficient gratitude to God, who has planted the Gospel among our thousands, to make us desirous it should prosper in the land? Have we not sufficient nobleness of mind to desire that we may be God's instrument to bring it to pass?

Your Committee feels that its duty consists, at this moment, as much in urging upon you the necessity for an active zeal in the Lord's good cause, for the coming year, as in bringing before you the former weakness of the Society's efforts, and the delay which has interposed itself between its friend's desire and the accomplishment of what they wish.

It is usually expected that at the termination of each year a committee of such a Society as this will be prepared to give an account of something practically beneficial to mankind, having been performed. But, with the exception of a few books disposed of, the Society has, to any practical purpose, lain dormant. Nevertheless, the Cause has been awake, and it was felt better to reserve its resources for a worthy object, than to waste them by a premature outlay on objects not of vital importance; they have therefore been husbanded, and from the unanimity of opinion rapidly consolidating itself in favor of the Missionary labor, your Committee thinks it sees an appearance of future usefulness marked out for it by the favor of Almighty God.