

yet urged the plea of the pressure of the times as an excuse for not throwing in their mite into this spiritual treasury—Less assistance was to be expected from this class than from any other objectors, although they were in general able enough to subscribe—the others would be often convinced of the fallacy of their objections, and then contributed with readiness, while those who admitted the benefits of the Society to be great, had no disposition to increase by their efforts its usefulness, notwithstanding the slow increase of subscribers the Committee anticipate more success from their exertions in the present year—Those who already belong to the Society, although of different denominations possess a spirit of concord, and are deeply sensible that the cause in which they are engaged is the cause of God, that it will prevail against all that opposes its progress, and that the circulation of the Scriptures of divine truth, with the blessing of God will have a mighty efficacy in dispelling the darkness of heathen lands—And as we expect the appearance of the natural sun in the east;—so do we anticipate the rising of the sun of righteousness over those delightful but dark places of the earth, where idolatry and every abomination have for so many ages prevailed. The day star has already dawned and the inhabitants of many districts of India are now in the possession of that word which is able to make them wise unto salvation who receive its divine instructions with faith and love. Finally we would commit this good cause to him who is able to bless it abundantly above what we can ask or think.

GUYSBOROUGH, November 25th. 1823

Dear Sir,

With feelings of inexpressible pleasure, and gratitude to Almighty God I address you. Impressed with a view of time and talents as a *sacred deposit* for the improvement of which, we must finally render an account, to the "Lord and giver of life;" and emulous to unite with the thousands and tens of thousands, who are "casting their *mite* into the offering of God;" a number of ladies, have formed themselves into a Bible association. Not quite two months have elapsed since its organization: which has been under an aspect most discouraging, arising from a general want of money, as well as the too general disaffectedness to the word of life; united with the great ignorance of the people of this place as to the grand design, and glorious end of such association. yet notwithstanding these and innumerable other disadvantageous circumstances; it hath pleased him, who increaseth strength to them who have no might," to bless our feeble efforts, and so far to crown us with success, as to enable us, to remit you the sum of eight pounds five shillings and four pence halfpenny with the request, your auxiliary Bible Society, will allow us the return of half that sum, in Testaments of a large type if possible; this favour is particularly solicited, in order to accommodate the aged as, well as those who read imperfectly. although our little association is in an infant state, we have already ascertained a great