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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God."
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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Let the reader add to his other virtues patience. Friends accustomed to the business of thinking, will see before these essays close that we have more than one thing in view while taking a steady peep at the singular structure entitled a missionary society; and, hence, on the whole, it is in harmony with *our* discretion to make slow haste.

Having looked over the original field of evangelic action, witnessing the Lord's friends and workers at Jerusalem, at Antioch, at Corinth, at Philippi, and at primitive Rome, without finding an organization for missionary specialities, we may now pass round and double Cape Horn to examine with deliberate care the logical and theological position of friends who gravely teach that it is a part of our duty in this generation to construct and use societies to assist in the alleged work of saving sinners, as well as to increase the zeal of saints. Hitherto we have only paid attention enough to missionary logic to keep our road clear while taking a view of things as seen in former days when Jesus' religion and discretionary societies belonged to two diverse chapters; but it is both expedient and lawful to take a full look at the missionary features of our beloved relatives who need a new class of spiritual cogs, bands, and motive forces to execute their work, or to missionize the world; which would be—what?