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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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A LETTER TO EVANGELIST BEARDSLEE.

J. O. BEARDSLEE:—DEAR BROTHER IN JESUS:—To-day I send to you ten Nos. of the Monthly published at Brighton, Canada West. If you have leisure, perchance you may pursue the essays upon mission operations. You will discover, without great research, at least two chief elements in these articles: 1. An invitation to examine how the model brotherhood in Jesus labored for the conversion of the world's family; 2. A fyle of objections to the clumsy, expensive, and sectarian outgrowth christened a missionary society. As a matter of course, the statements and facts in these articles are mainly of the objecting and down-pulling caste: for when a bad building occupies a spot that ought to be sacred, the first work is to convince interested parties that it is bad, then take steps for its removal, and finally put up a proper entity in its place.

And, brother Beardslee, I should be ashamed before God and man, if, being an officer or a helper of an avowedly gospel society in Brighton, and being called upon to tell what was the use of the society, I would have either to be, as the prophet says, a 'dumb dog,' or otherwise point to something in the objector and affirm by way of defence that my weakness was as pretty as his! Nay, and lock him out of my paper if he did not object to suit me!! Such a course as this inspires me with so great a degree of courage, that it is possible I will soon feel strong enough, not simply to investigate, but to controvert.