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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That the earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.—Ps. lxxvii. 1, 2.

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Home Missions.

APPEAL OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

THE Board of Home Missions have requested me to bring under the notice of the readers of the Register, the claims of the important department of the church's operations committed to their care.— They are led to do so at the present moment principally by the low state of their funds. They regret to say that the amount in the Treasurer's hands will do little more than meet the outstanding claims upon the Board. Applications have been made for aid in cases where the Board entirely approved of the object, and where they believe the expenditure would be for the interests of the church; but which they have been obliged either to refuse or to grant but partially. New calls are being made upon us. In addition to the supply of our regular stations, one of our missionaries was appointed, at last meeting of the Board, to labour for three months among those employed on the railroad, and openings are afforded for the extension of the church in various quarters, which, if we would follow the leadings of Providence and show ourselves "men having understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do," we will feel it our duty to enter vigorously. In this state of things we confidently appeal to the members of the Church to supply us with the funds requisite for that purpose.

The Board are aware that a number of other objects have of late been brought

before the Church, and they would not wish to say one word in disparagement of any of them, or that would hinder the liberality of our members towards them. Yet they have reason to fear that amid the multiplicity of objects, the Home Mission may not receive the attention which it merits. We do not, however, wish to put its claims in opposition to other objects of benevolence—we do not ask the members of the church to take from their contributions to them to give to this. We do not wish one scheme to be supported at the expense of another. We would wish to see all the schemes of the church sustained in their due proportion. "Give a portion to seven and also to eight, for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." We would like to see the Home Mission occupying its proper position among the other schemes of the church in the minds of its members, and sharing in due proportion their liberality. We conceive that in importance it is second to none of them, and that if compared with other objects it may justly be said, "This thing ought ye to do and not to leave the others undone."

The operations of Home Missions do not present any of the exciting scenes and interesting narratives, which some other portions of our master's work, and particularly the Foreign Mission, have to present, and which tend so powerfully to excite the liberality of the members of the church. Yet its operations not the less strongly claim the sympathy of the