

ally gathered, because of the bare supply of spiritual husbandmen, The voices of dying Missionaries, sinking into premature graves, by unrelieved labors, have sounded to us from the other side of the globe, and call unto us, "Send Missionaries! send Missionaries!" and Heathens, ready to perish, have stretched out their hands to us for help; and yet, through the want of the "right consecration of wealth," no help could be sent. It is a fact which must not be concealed, that your Missionaries abroad are worn down to skeletons through the inadequacy of their number to meet the demands which success has brought upon them. They ask not so much for food and clothing, as for helpers in their toil. They describe the ship "John Wesley" as containing "a whole cargo of disappointment," when she arrives laden with "provisions," and contains but one Missionary. The natives of the South-Sea Islands, when they see an English ship, launch their frail canoes from the coral-reef, and, paddling onwards till they reach the British sailor's ear, they ask for "Missionaries." The only answer that can be given is, "For want of funds, no additional Missionaries can be sent;" and, to some extent, the spiritual children of the departed Waterhouse, Bumby, Hunt, Francis Wilson, and others, are left as sheep having no shepherd.

It has been estimated that, of the free annual income of Great Britain and Ireland, not more than one pound in seven hundred and fifty is given for the spread of Christian truth in heathen lands.—Most assuredly such a proportion of wealth is far below what ought to be consecrated to this object. If but the humble impost of two per cent, were laid upon the annual income of the United Kingdom, "This would produce, for the extension of the church of Christ in the heathen world, a yearly sum of six millions. A sum eight or nine times the amount at present contributed by all Evangelical Missionary Societies put together. And, then, if the patriarchal and Jewish examples of contribution to the service of God were but imitated,—that of giving a tenth to Him,—sufficient would remain to support and extend religion at home. But I refrain from making patriarchal vows and Jewish laws the standard for Christian beneficence. There is to be a freeness and a fulness of gifts in the service of God under the Christian dispensation, which shall make the glory of the latter house surpass the glory of the former house, in this respect, as it does in others. The cross, the infinite sacrifice of Christ, is to be our standard and motive to benevolence. Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," says the Apostle