

*Primary Address of the YORK BIBLE SOCIETY, to their
Christian Friends of all denominations.*

Dear Friends,—It is with mingled feelings of regret and joy that we now address you. We regret that we have let so good a cause as the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, lie so long dormant—but we rejoice that now a new stimulus is given to the work, and we hope the zeal and activity of the lovers of truth, every where, will increase, until every family, and every individual of the human race shall be in possession of the word of God.

Brethren,—our reason for addressing you is, to inspire you, if possible, with such a zeal for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, as nothing but death can extinguish. The cause is so good that no opprobrium can make us ashamed of it, and we hope that no difficulty or trial will ever divert us from supporting it. Its object is so extensive that we need to call on all the friends of truth to lend their helping hand. It has so many enemies that we need to arouse all the energies of the people of God to engage in the work, and to come, “to the help of the Lord against the mighty.”

It is the cause of God, therefore we are certain of ultimate success. The Lord has engaged to build up Zion—to raise her ruins—and to make her “a praise in the whole earth.”

He has from the beginning wrought by means, and the great appointed mean of illuminating the world, is the word of God. The labours of the Missionary will be in vain, unless he carries the Scriptures along with him, and *out of them* unfolds the way of life.—These only are able to make the nations wise unto salvation. They only teach the plan of salvation, and exhibit that morality which is pleasing in the sight of Jehovah. In them we have eternal life, because they testify of Jesus. If the Bible has enlightened our minds—purified our hearts—and filled our souls with the hope of eternal life, &c. shall we not exert ourselves to the utmost of our power to convey the same blessing to others? Giving will not impoverish our own souls, and we are only Stewards, under God, of our money. Is it possible for us to love our neighbour and

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