

Baptist Church in our Province would be engaged in sending the word of life and the herald of salvation to the destitute and the perishing; and every one who united himself with such a Church would feel that he was becoming a member for life of a body perpetually consecrated in its very nature, to the great work of doing good to mankind. Animated with this spirit, our hearts would be filled with brotherly love, with enlightened zeal for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, and ready to forego every consideration except those of Scriptural truth and order, for the sake of doing good. Such is the picture of the Baptist Church, which we have sometimes imagined to ourselves, and which we have often prayed that we might see realized. What a glorious spectacle would such a Church be! How happy in itself! How honourable to the cause of religion! What a blessing to our Province and to the world! And is it too much to hope that we may one day see it realized, the same grace which crowned the ministrations of his servants with success, is still treasured up in Him whose throne is for ever and ever, and may be manifested in us amidst all our weakness and unworthiness. Under whatever cloud the glory of our Zion may be in a degree obscured for the present, He can cause her to shine forth with more beauty than ever, through his own comeliness put upon her. If we would be thus blessed we must pray for and cultivate a missionary spirit. If we wish this great plan of doing good to be completely successful it is indispensable that it bears two characteristics. It must be systematic, and it must be consecrated with much fervent prayer; it must be systematic.

We would recommend to our Churches the objects embraced in the Union Society. But our endeavours must be consecrated by prayer. We must walk humbly with God; even in labouring for him. The more profound, then, our sense of our utter unworthiness to be employed as fellow workers in Christ's kingdom, the deeper our impression of our utter inability, with any amount of men or funds, to accomplish any important good by our own wisdom or strength; and the more humble and importunate our continual supplications for Divine guidance and blessing in all our labour, the more reason we have to hope that those labours will be crowned with success, and that our own souls in pursuing them will be refreshed and edified. In this great work we want co-operation. We plead for the co-operation of practical whole-hearted Christians in heart and soul, in prayer, in contributions, in efforts, in toils, in struggles for the salvation of their fellow men at home and abroad. If we would labour with success in the cause of God, we must draw all our strength for war or warfare from Christ, and present all our duties to God in Christ's name. In all the actions of life let us set the Lord before us. We must spend much time in secret prayer and converse with God. Let prayer be the key to open the heart to God in the morning, and lock it against all his enemies at night. We ought to spend every day as it were to be our last. We have no continuing city, nor certain abode here, therefore let us always be ready to rise and depart. And if we would labour with success