

Our missionary operations, as you will learn, are steadily extending. But, there are important fields of labor which we cannot yet occupy for want of means. The Macedonian cry is heard from various quarters. Yet, many new settlements, after all our efforts, are destitute of the word of Life. Brethren, we want your money—we want your prayers—and we can appeal to you for these, with the more confidence, while we point you to the extent of our missionary work, and then to the actual expenditure of the society. You will readily see that the most rigid economy is exercised—that, while we have good men,—and faithful,—in the work, under all their privations, but a bare subsistence is afforded them. The Great Head of the church evidently smiles upon this department of our work, and we cannot but hope that it will share more largely in your liberality the coming year.

The Bible Society, that great engine for the dissemination of the word of Life, is an institution worthy of your hearty support; we hope, Dear Brethren, you will not fail by every possible means, to help forward this glorious enterprise.

Another matter of paramount importance to the interests of our Zion, we would urge upon your attention—the support of your Ministers. You are fully aware that a great deficiency is found to exist in this respect; but, perhaps you scarcely know how deeply we have suffered, and how seriously the work has been hindered by this crying evil.—Brethren the remedy is in your power—will you apply it? As a people your means are quite as ample in proportion to our claims, as those of any other church. The “voluntary principle,” for the support of the ministry, is the only