

To the Session and Communicants of the Presbyterian
Church at _____ :

Dear Brethren

In the expenditure of the in-
comes which God in His Providence graciously apportions to
us severally, these motives urgently persuade us to use a portion
for Gospel purposes: 1. The command of our Lord: "Go into
all the world and preach;" 2. The example of the Apos-
tles, Mark xvi, 20: "They went forth & preached everywhere;" 3.
The Divine favor ~~(what other expenditure of money for
his cause~~ Mark xvi, 20: "The Lord worked with
them & confirmed the word with signs following"; 4.
The present Providential openings for Christian missions & benefi-
cence (1) In the foreign world, Japan & China thrown open, China
in our own churches West, India under Christian rule, Persia under
an enlightened Shah, Africa better known, Papal Europe greatly freed from
despotism; (2) In the Home-Mission department by the Reunion, ~~by a~~
~~growing friendliness with other denominations;~~ (3) In the Education de-
partment, by improved management & watchfulness of it; (4) In the Ch.
Exec. dept. & Pub. dept. by the ~~meditations~~ meditations of Religion

by the increase of paternal action betw all crany. deomon^s,
& by the continual growth of our nation; 5. The mani-
fest blessing God bestows upon benevolent expenditures,
as seen (1) in reflex material blessings (Ecd. xi, 1), such as
the saving of Oregon to ~~the Union~~ Territory by missionaries in
1844; (2) in the joy of our own hearts (Acts xx, 35, l.c.), and
(3) in the success of the work supported, as in the Sandwich
Island, ~~who themselves, when converted (Acts xxii, 32) sent~~
~~the first missionaries ever among American Indi-~~
~~ans.~~ which from heathenism have grown to a na-
tion even ~~and~~ sustaining their own mission (they
sent the first missionaries ever seen among American
Indians).