

BRIDGETON, January 20th, 1884.

Dear Sir and Brother:

At the last annual meeting of the Cumberland Bible Society, it was resolved that a circular be prepared and signed by the officers of the Society and forwarded to each pastor in the county, asking that the annual collection for the Bible cause be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Charles Reeve, at Bridgeton, N. J., who will return a receipt for it.

It was also resolved that Article I of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

This Society shall be called "The Cumberland Bible Society," and shall be auxiliary to the American Bible Society. Persons subscribing and paying fifty cents in advance, and fifty cents annually, together with the pastor and two laymen from each church in the county, contributing to this society (the laymen to be elected at the annual meeting) shall be members. Persons paying at one time the sum of \$12, shall be members for life.

You will readily comprehend from the wording of the above, who constitutes the membership of our Society. Will you therefore, send your collection as requested, and at the same time nominate two of your most worthy and energetic members to be elected members at the next annual meeting. Please nominate those who will co-operate with us in our annual gatherings.

The advantages of this disposition of the monies secured for the Bible cause are apparent. We mention among them the following:

1st. It saves the risk of carrying so much money to the annual convocations of the ministers.

2d. It greatly lessens the work of the Secretary and Treasurers of such Boards.

3d. You are entitled to one-third of the amount of your collection in Bibles from the Depository, for the use of your Sabbath Schools.

DR. WM. ELMER, President,
DR. O. E. PECK, Secretary,
CHARLES REEVE, Treasurer.