

Swansea

Aug 1st 1863

My dear Sir

M^r Cotton's letter with the one enclosed did not reach me until yesterday. As he will be from home for some time I send a few lines to you. I should think the object is one that will meet with general approval. And it strikes me that in the present state of the district

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when it is extremely difficult to obtain subscriptions. the amount annually raised for the Bible Society may be devoted to the support of a Bible reader.

I have, in one shape or another about a dozen subscriptions every year. They come so frequently that the patience of the few givers is well nigh Exhausted. If fewer calls were made I believe I should collect a large sum. Therefore I think it probable that another party would succeed better than I could in procuring subscriptions for the object in contemplation. M^r Dove and you have hither- [bottom of page ripped off]

[New page] depression and in some measure also to the want of unanimity it is far more difficult to obtain subscriptions now than it was in former years. When the school house was built at Swansea parties readily came forward with £20- £10- & £5 each. If such a [bottom of page ripped off]