a good conscience, that whatever my friends may think of me, I am not, at present, the man for an active agency of any kind.

I trust that you may soon be sup-plied with the services of a suitable person; & even if it be otherwise, it appears to me that the necessities of the cause are so obvious that our legislators must, without being urged, give it the counte-nance & support it so justly demands.

The great difference between the Colonization Cause & the immediate work of the Ministry is this - that the promotion of the former is a matter of such obvious necessity that people who take an interest in nothing else will be forced to take an interest ~~thru~~ in it, while the latter, having more special reference to an unseen world must be carried on in season & out of season, or men will become altogether indifferent to it - The pressing claims of the one relate to things visible & present - the pressing claims of the other relate to things invisible & future. The one, though originating

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