

But it is not only on the moral wilderness which these Provinces present, to which we would entreat you to look, but to extend your views throughout those nations where the name of Jesus Christ is not known. How great a portion of mankind is sunk in idolatry! According to late computations there are 600 millions or three quarters of the human race who have not even heard of Jesus Christ. In the Burman empire alone, there are about ten millions of idolaters in a deplorable state of ignorance; among whom no means have been used for their salvation but those employed by the Baptist denomination. The indefatigable missionary Mr. Judson, who labors incessantly in that Empire, says, "did the friends of Religion in America only see and know half what I do, they would give their property and their persons too." A spirit of inquiry is prevailing throughout that vast Empire, but alas! the means of affording them information is small indeed, there being only two Missionaries qualified to teach the natives. Mr. Judson says, "if we had 20 preachers well versed in the language with means of establishing schools, and circulating tracts to any extent, how glad I should be:" and to supply the deficiency, Christians must cast money into the treasury of the Lord."

If we are acquainted with the wretched and degraded state of mankind, *humanity* alone demands our utmost efforts to deliver them from darkness and misery. But if these be the dictates of ordinary humanity towards objects of temporal distress, must not christian charity constrain us to pity the thousands, yea millions of Adam's race, who are perishing in sin? And if we pity, are we not bound to believe. In vain do we testify our sympathy toward the heathen, and offer our prayers in vain, unless we impart of our property for their relief.

We rejoice, dear brethren, to find that a Missionary spirit is to some extent already lighted up in these Provinces—and our hearts have been gladdened by the information received in several quarters of contributions to this object by means of societies, formed principally among females—But much, very much yet remains to be done—and the extreme importance of this object will justify our dwelling on it at greater length.

In support of the Duty of contributing of our property to the maintenance and extension of true religion both at home and abroad we refer you to the highest authority; and as all christians profess to reverence the Bible, and to owe obedience to the dictates of the Holy spirit there recorded; let us appeal to the instructions of the scriptures on this subject.

The Israelites under the Levitical law were required to consecrate a tithe of all their increase to the maintenance of Levites: besides which they were required to make other sacrifices, of a costly nature, almost without number. God in infinite kindness to us hath brought us under a more excellent dispensation;—that of love rather than law, and He now requires of all professors of Christianity to make volum-

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