

perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works," and we may ask, in the language of the good old Puritan, what "practical lesson, should we learn from this command of our now exalted Master?"

Behold, then, instead of Lazarus in his death-home, a whole heathen world in the tomb of moral death. Died they have spiritually in our federal representative, and if not revived must suffer eternal death. To confer this life is the prerogative of Deity—the prerogative of Him who spake worlds into existence by His creative word. Not sinful man, nor sinless seraph, can restore one soul of millions dead, to life. And yet, just as the Jews could, and did, roll away the stone from the sepulchre of lifeless Lazarus preparatory to the forth-putting of Divine efficiency in order to his resurrection, so are there some duties which we must perform ere God exert his power to revivify the death-stricken heathen world. He could, if it so pleased him, instantaneously revolutionize heathendom, cleanse its inhabitants from their sins, and give them to His Son as His promised heritage. But this according to the principles of His government, He does not do. He has not promised to exert His life-giving prerogative irrespective of man's co-operation. He employs—He honours—human instrumentality. Even when he enlists God fearing, soul-loving missionaries in this noble enterprise he does not give them the wings of angels to fly rapidly through space and speedily reach the far distant habitations of horrid cruelty. Ere they can be transported to their wished-for scene of labours ten thousand little hearts must be touched with deep sympathy for the perishing heathen, and twice that number of little hands outstretched with their cents and dimes to build a *mission ship*. This done, the keral is of the cross must embark in her, heroically encounter the perils of the trackless ocean, and when they have reached their desired destination must perseveringly toil and pray long days and nights for the temporal and eternal weal of the benighted pagans. All this is as the removal of the stone from the sepulchre of Lazarus; and the performance of this duty God especially enjoins upon us as indispensably pre-requi-

site to the resurrection of the pagans from the grave of spiritual death.

Thus can we see that there is a high sense in which the injunction "Take ye away the stone"—was written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Every mite deposited with a willing hand in the *Mission Box*—every prayer breathed out from a contrite heart for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, is a helping hand towards the removal of those impediments which retard the progress of the everlasting Gospel—the only channel through which life is conveyed to those who are dead in sins and trespasses.

Such being the well-defined duty of man, and the clearly expressed precepts of God in a matter of so great importance—where is the individual—youthful or aged—throughout the wide domain of Christendom that would wish to be stigmatized and punished, as were the olden Merozites, for not coming forward to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Rather let us cause the Church's coffers to overflow with our generous benefactions—rather let us besiege heaven's throne with our united supplications—rather let us put forth every effort in our power to accelerate the rapidity of the Gospel chariot, that we may be instrumental in saving some soul from the torments of perdition, and thus—without placing any confidence in a work-righteousness—expect at the day of final account to elicit from an approving Judge, the soul-cheering commendation—"Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

LIBERALITY TO COLLEGES.

The Christian people of the UNITED STATES set an example of liberality to us in the Provinces. We have before us a statement of the amount raised for COLLEGES within the last two years:—

Middlebury College, of Vermont,	received	\$10,000
Williams College, of Massachusetts,		25,000
Harvard College, of Cambridge,		44,000