

## REPORT.

MISSIONARY meetings announce by their very name, the object for which they were first organized; and at the same time furnish us with reasons why they should be perpetuated. They wear an aspect and possess a character which make them essentially differ from all kindred institutions; and that invest them with claims of more than paramount importance.

Those who devote their time and their substance to the support and extension of Sabbath Schools, are rearing up tender plants that shall ultimately flourish as "*trees of righteousness*" in the "*courts of the Lord's House*." All that are engaged in promoting the interests of "*The Bible Society*" are truly employed in acts of beneficence and mercy. They are distributing "*the Bread of Life*" to the hungry: They are sending water drawn from "*the well of Bethlehem*," to them who are fainting and ready to perish: and into "*the dark places of the earth*" that are filled with "*the habitations of cruelty*"; they are sending "*the Lamp of Life*," filled with the unction of the Holy Spirit, and radiant with the glory of God. But in the support of a Missionary Ministry, men are more immediately "*workers together with God*;" since it is His own appointment that "*the Gospel*" should be preached to "*every creature*." Here, Heaven and Earth are specially united—The "*throne*" and the "*footstool*" of "*the King of kings*" are united—and from this extraordinary conjunction results the enlargement of "*Sion*" and the repairing of "*her waste places*"—the diffusion of the truth—and the exaltation of the cross—the conversion of souls and the formation of churches—the fulfilment of prophecy, and the approach of that long-expected day, when the seventh angel shall sound his trumpet, and an innumerable multitude of voices declare "*the Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever*."

David, when surveying the attestations of the divine greatness by which he was surrounded, exclaimed "*Twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God*." But to see the fullest displays of the over-ruling, and all-subduing power of God, we must direct our thoughts to the agents employed for the propagation of Christianity; and to the mighty effects which that agency produces. The Almighty, by his manner of working, unites the greatest effects with the simplest causes; and produces results of almost infinite magnitude, by apparently despicable means. The pride of Pharaoh and

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