

ing no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you ; whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you : for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company." This striking passage sets before us, not one of the world's heroes, who has scattered his enemies on the blood-stained field of battle, and brought kingdoms under forced subjection to his rule, and who, in the intoxication of success, is contemplating further conquests of a like deadly and destructive kind,—but a hero crowned with victories won in the propagation of the Gospel, and looking forward, with a grand and sanctified ambition, (how different from the earthly principle which bears that name !) to additional and still higher achievements in the same cause. In Damascus, in Arabia, in Judea, in Antioch, in most of the provinces of Asia Minor, in Macedonia up to the very borders of Illyricum, in Athens, in Corinth, he has successfully fought the battles of the cross. But far from being satisfied with what he has accomplished (or rather, to use his own mode of expression, with what Christ has done by him), he is revolving schemes of wider reach, enterprises of vaster magnitude, than any he has yet undertaken. He eyes afar the capitol of the world, imperial Rome. Nor do his views stop even there. Rome shall be but a stage in his evangelistic progress. Spain, the western limit of the then-discovered globe, must hear the message of divine love ! Search now the roll of those warriors, "demi-gods of fame," with whose deeds the page of history is full, and say to which of the number,—considering only the question of greatness of soul,—will you assign a higher place than to Paul the peacemaker ?

But our attention need not be confined to extraordinary cases of ministerial talent or devotedness. When a common preacher of the Gospel labours faithfully among the