

success of our work? And this is wise, for in these days of progress, when everyone may and should profit by lessons learned from the failure or success of others, there is positively no excuse for blunder. In things pertaining to this life, how consciously a spirit of condemnation rises up within us against the man, who, in rash haste or unpardonable ignorance, undertakes an enterprise that must result in failure.

Wisdom is not withheld from those who will be wise; and so God, in all our work for Him, counsels us. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." In this we have the keynote to all successful missionary effort.

Christ says a wonderful thing, "The works that I do shall ye do also, and greater works than these shall ye do, and because I go to the Father!"

And now, what can missionary workers ask for more than this? Is there any need of any society or any individual that we may not at once bring to God the Father, making mention of the precious name of Jesus; and, while we are yet speaking, God will hear, yea, even before we speak, He will answer. Many years ago I read a sermon, in which were those beautifully poetic words:—"If a little child should kneel behind the throne and say, 'For Jesus'sake,' the Great God (amidst the music of the angel throng) would hear and stoop to listen."

But, listen to the words of Jesus: "Father, I thank Thee, that Thou hearest me, and I know that Thou heardest me always"

O, how precious are God's thoughts towards us, how great is the sum of them, for, knowing our great need, and all our ignorance, He consoles us by telling us, Ye know not what to pray for as ye ought, but my Spirit will teach you, yea, He will make intercession within you with unutterable groanings. This must be the thought expressed in those wonderful words,