

Everywhere a very great majority of the people either bow to the idols of Paganism, or are dull and senseless to every proper feeling through the delusion of Mahomedanism. This is not said as undervaluing the good success which has attended the Heaven-born liberality of Societies, formed for the promotion of the Gospel, for this success is infinitely important, and, as such, amply repays every exertion. Still, however, when we look back to the earlier centuries, we cannot but say, what are a few thousands of scattered individuals when compared with the unreclaimed millions which throng the vast continents of Asia and Africa? Extraordinary as this fact may appear, it is both recognised, and (unless I greatly mistake) explained also in Holy Scripture.—*Daniel*, vi., *Rev.* vii.

But it is not for me, at this time, to enter deeply upon this subject. Those who are over you in the Lord, are both able and willing to dwell at large upon the figurative and literal prophecies on this and other subjects contained in the Word of God; all that I shall now add upon this, is, that very many believe that the Gentiles will never be brought (as a people) generally to embrace the Gospel, until the Jews shall have been first converted; because, the converted Jews seem to be destined in the unsearchable wisdom of God, to be the finally successful missionaries to the Gentile world! And this interesting and important truth, St. Paul (as he is understood by our best commentators) sets forth with abundant plainness. In the eleventh chapter of his Epistle to the Romans, and 15th verse, he says, "If the casting away of them (viz. the Jews) be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead," viz., to those Gentiles who yet remain unconverted. My object, however, at present, is, with the blessing of God, to induce all who now hear me, and who long have, (through the noble generosity of Societies in the Parent Kingdom,) "freely received," freely to give in return, that so, each and every one, may do their part, and do it as unto the Lord, and not to man; to prevent those, in this Christian land, who have heretofore been brought to a knowledge of the truth, from falling back into careless indifference and infidelity; and also to bring about, in these latter days, the fulfilment of the precious promises contained in the Book of God, respecting the enlargement and prosperity of the