

suffering, a demand for sacrifice, an assurance of success.

"FOR MY SAKE."

In your going forth in this cause there is probably something of a spirit of enterprise, something of patriotism, something of philanthropy. But, besides, we hope there is with each of you, deep down in your heart of hearts, this grandest motive, this impelling principle, *the love of Christ*. "I go at His call who has redeemed me, whose I am, in whom is all my trust : moved by His grace, I go to do His work, looking chiefly for His approbation." To His voice, "Whom shall I send ? and who will go for us ?" you have severally answered, "Here am I, send me." And now the Lord is saying to you, "Gird in this thy strength : fear not, for I am with thee ; work, wait, watch *for my sake*, who loved you and gave myself for you !" Cherish the thought, brothers ; carry it with you everywhere—an incentive to labour, the very law of your life, and its goal : it will be strength to you, and stimulus, and cordial for many days, ay, all your days—"FOR MY SAKE !"

You are bound for a land grievously afflicted with cruel, abominable slavery ; slavery that leads to wars and bloody outrages ; slavery that represses agriculture, hinders legitimate commerce, and goes far to turn whole districts which might be as gardens of the Lord into a waste wilderness.

Our hope is that, along with other agencies, you may be means of striking a blow at this dreadful curse, of helping to bring the country into intercourse with other nations, and leading to its prosperity in every way. We long for the social as well as the moral and spiritual elevation of the sunken African race. But remember, that object is to be sought by you as pioneers and preachers of the Gospel of peace, and on its principles alone. You are not, in order to gain it to employ carnal weapons. You have,

no authority or warrant to interfere by arms between contending tribes : you must never use force to free captives from their Arab masters ; nor are you yourselves to embark in trade.

Your mission, although in part industrial, is directly and exclusively Christian—to be carried out solely by the arts of peace and the power of persuasion ; in the way of instruction, gentle entreaty, and example. "For my sake," hear the pitiful Saviour say, 'be kindly, be filled with compassion ; seek to win those oppressed ones to Me ! For my sake, abstain from violence ; be meek and lowly ; tread in my steps.'

It is true that you bear from Him a definite message—"the faithful saying, worthy of all acceptance"—this, that Christ came into the world, and died and rose again, to save sinners ; that God is seeking souls : and you will ever burn with the desire to bring your fellow-men to the foot of the Cross, that they may be saved, and that Jesus may see in them the travail of His soul and be satisfied. You will set yourselves to acquire the native language with a view to this, and (as opportunity offers) open schools and gather around you those who may be willing to be taught, looking forward to the day when many now in gross ignorance shall be able to hear and read in their own tongue the wonderful works of God.

But time must elapse before much can be done in this line. From the very first, however, and always, you are to be missionaries of Christ—His witnesses, living for His sake, your habits all telling for Him, by the daily exhibition of His mind and temper gaining victories over idolatry. The most unenlightened can understand *character*. There is an eloquence beyond speech in the silent holiness of a truly Christian home. And when those among whom you dwell see you calm, self-controlled, patient, happy in an Unseen Hope, they will take know-