

MISSIONARY INTERCESSION.

A HYMN,

HUMBLY INSCRIBED TO THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart," is the greatest of all the Divine commandments. "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self," is the most forcible of all social human motives. For the last century the orthodox Churches of Christendom have growingly felt and developed the energy of God's love, and made the globe the astonished area of their munificent Missionary operations, and expended many sterling millions of voluntarily subscribed money; and these deeds are the sublimest that men or angels look upon: God has approved them. Yearly the demand for Inspired truth, and holy, heroic men and women, is more imperative; unselfish benevolence a duty; the Spirit's pentecosts of heavenly light and power more necessary; and PRAYER—confident, universal, and continued—indispensable, that the effulgence of Isaiah's predicted latter-day glory may break upon a world, in wondrous, impartial kindness redeemed by the vicarious sacrifice of the eternal Son of God.

O THOU, who hearest prayer and praise,
 Whose sceptre to all worlds extends;
 Whose power all abject souls can raise;
 Whose love redeeming never ends;—

Fulfill the words of Sacred Seers;
 Apply the law thou has revealed;
 Give to the deaf attentive ears,
 The blind their sight,—to faith unsealed.

To races, languages, and climes,
 Without respect, Thy care is shewn:
 In glad, foretold, millennial times,
 Thy grace throughout our earth be known!

Diffuse the light of Gospel truth,
 Emancipate the slaves of sin;
 Regenerate old age and youth:
 And universal triumphs win.

Far north and south, far east and west,
 The valley of dry bones is stirred;—
 From Pagan Tribes, untaught, unblest,
 The cry and wish of want are heard!