

ry of God, that its brightness may shine to the ends of the earth?

Yet we would cherish hope—we are assured that “the spirit of the Lord is not straitened.” We trust that the spark is kindling and that the flame will soon appear, and light and heat exert their united influence in our land.

Why should not Canada send her missionaries to some heathen tribe, now perishing for lack of knowledge? Cannot the large cities of Montreal or Quebec, or some other place in the Provinces, produce one pious and devoted youth, who is willing to dedicate his life to the service of his Redeemer among the poor degraded idolaters who are sitting in darkness, and in the region of the shadow of death? Colder than the rocky ice, which binds in the chains of winter her rivers and her lakes, must that heart be which could frame the answer,—“Canada is too poor in religion and in money to send one solitary ambassador to the heathen.” A single individual has often been honoured as the means of setting in motion the most important institutions; thus, Mr. Robert Raikes set in motion Sunday Schools, and from this sprang that noble Catholic principle which was first recognized by the Sunday School Society,—a Society composed of persons of all denominations, for the purpose of supplying Sunday Schools of every communion with New Testaments and Spelling-books: after this the London Missionary Society was projected by the Rev. Dr. Bogue, on the same Catholic principle; from this sprang the British and Foreign

Bible Society, the Religious Tract Society, the Sunday School Union Society, the Hibernian Society, and several others. The elder sister of these institutions, the Baptist Missionary Society, originated with Mr. Thomas, a medical gentleman, who had been to India, and whose mind was impressed with the practicability, as well as the necessity, of evangelizing the Hindoos.

Let no individual, therefore, be discouraged from attempting to do good, whilst he makes the attempt for the glory of God, in humble dependence upon his guidance and blessing. Let him “not despise the day of small things,” for, “the little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation.”

A friend of the Cause of Truth is desirous of hearing of a young man of fervent piety, who is zealous for the good of souls, and willing to devote himself to the service of the poor heathen, and who may wish to receive such instruction as may be necessary to qualify him “to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.” None need apply who is not willing “to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ;” but if any young man, having counted the cost, desires to embark in the good work, and can bring the recommendation of a respectable and pious minister, or of a few decidedly serious Christians, he may apply by letter (post paid) addressed to X. Y. Post-Office, Montreal, and if approved he will be assisted in pursuing his desired object.

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