

world?" the infidel and skeptic ask with an air of triumph. "Your Christians are the worst of people, judging from the specimens we see around us." In Tuscarora, Ontario, where there are a few excellent Christians, and many professors, and many Pagans, it was freely admitted by the former that the latter are the best people taken as a whole. And after all the labors of missionaries in Burmah and India, by the candid acknowledgment of those best qualified to judge, heathenism and not christianity is proportionably on the increase, so that at the present day the former is much further in advance of the latter than it was when Carey and Judson rejoiced over their first converts. And what then? Will the songs of the thousands who have been saved be less loud and sweet, or *Krishnoo Paul's* hymn (No. 844 in the *Psalmist*) less cheering to the hearts of thousands? No indeed. Our efforts have been amply rewarded.

But to return. I am not in a position to compare the two cases. I have not all the facts of the *other* side. Then I may be carried away by my feelings and wishes to judge the one side too favorably, and not to be sufficiently candid and careful in hearing the other side. I might be somewhat like the merchant who undertook to exchange commodities, as the story goes, with his Indian customer, by using his fist for a pound weight. Could the heavy fist have been dissevered from the muscles and mind to which it was attached, a fair trade could have been made. But it was clear to the untutored Indian that the fist weighed much heavier when the feathers and furs were in the scale than when the powder and shot and tobacco, &c., were put in. To measure or weigh correctly, whether feathers, or shot, or missions, we must, to begin with, *have a correct standard* as a guide, and then this standard must be impartially applied. Now I do not know what *standard* Mr. Selden used when he came to the foregoing conclusion. Was it one duly "authorized" and "stamped?" or was it something like the variable pound weight of the dealer in Indian commodities referred to? And to be fair, I would have to ask myself the same question. For myself I would much prefer acting on Paul's advice in 1 Corinthians: "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then *shall every man have praise of God.*" The "standard" in that day will be a just one. For each and every one of us then there will be no comparisons with others,—no reference to what others did, but what each individual *I* did.