

mended the great Lyonese Association to the good will of their readers and associates. This is only reasonable ; for, though the means they employ may differ, the ultimate objects of the two societies are the same, the extension of God's kingdom on earth. The Apostleship, instead of trespassing on the work of the Propagation of the Faith, is its most powerful helper. To the Propagation of the Faith is entrusted the task of looking after the temporal wants of the missionaries. But preaching and alms are but the instruments of the Divine work. Who is it that gives the missionary the supernatural power to move the souls of poor infidels? The grace of God alone does this. This grace is, in great measure, due to the prayers which are addressed to God by the millions of our associates, working in union with the Heart of Jesus. It is evident, therefore, that the Apostleship is a powerful help to the Propagation of the Faith, as well as to all associations engaged in missionary work. While these are preparing the instruments and the means by which grace is spread, the Apostleship, by its prayers, obtains the grace itself, without which even apostolic men would be but as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

Our associates, then, should take a deep interest in the work of the Propagation of the Faith. They should help by their alms, be these never so small, to swell the funds of that Association, and thus contribute their mite to the great work of spreading God's kingdom to the ends of the earth.

It is not given to many to go to foreign lands to preach the Gospel to infidels ; few have received this vocation. But while these few are at work toiling for Jesus Christ, it remains for those who stay at home to aid them by their prayers and alms. The way to fulfil our duty easily and painlessly in this respect is open to us all. A cent a week thrown into the coffers of the Propagation of the Faith makes us apostles, and thus, without incurring the dangers, or making the sacrifices incident on the active apostleship, we share in the glory and the merits of them both.