

love shewn his name.— Let the good people of Bermuda hold fast the "anchor firm and sure," their patience will be rewarded by the realization of their hope.

The large expenditure for the conversion of Infidels inhabiting the distant climes, is an evidence of God's mercy. They are further removed from Christian sympathy—they present more difficulties to apostolic perseverance—more dangers to apostolic zeal—more disappointment to apostolic hope, than would a mission among those already converted to the faith. Such dangers, difficulties, and disappointments are chosen by the chivalrous charity of the Christian Priests, "of whom the world is not worthy, wandering in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and in caves of the earth." A life of misery excludes any possible motive of personal ease—a life of obscurity every inducement of personal vanity—and a life of persevering labour makes it impossible that they could be sustained by a mere fleeting enthusiasm. Their motives are above nature, far above it is their only reward; and nature itself, therefore, proclaims loudly that their benevolence is of Heaven. It is possible that human expediency would confine their efforts to the advancement of fraternal virtue or the correction of fraternal error. But the ways of Heaven are unsearchable. "The spirit breatheth where he willeth." And, truly, the comprehensiveness of infinite intelligence beholds congruities and consequences in, and resulting from the self-sacrifices of the toil worn and distant missionary, of which our limited capacity cannot form a conception. The Annals of the "Propagation of the Faith," as they trace the Catholic missionary through the wilds of India, and the multiplied martyrdoms of China—through his lonely travels—secret preachings—concealments—trials and punishments, until they picture him calmly yielding his life at the stake, attest how strongly and supernaturally the promised grace of their Master works in the souls of the Apostles. They present us with mingled influences of divine grace and perishable examples of human self devoted-

ness. They prove that no one, save the author of the missionaries' being, could have given him the call to which he listened, or imparted the fortitude by which he was sustained; and they give us a practical illustration of the Gospel declaration that God wishes all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the Truth, as it is in Jesus Christ.

We co-operate, by aiding these missions, in carrying out the merciful designs of Providence, and, in some sort, attain that identification of our will with that of God, which is one sign of Heaven's predilection. There is a greatness almost divine in the expanded charity which universalizes sympathy and grasps a universe. These Pagan nations, too, are in extreme necessity—without the laver of regeneration—and would be, if aid were denied—excluded from the covenant of grace. They have, it may be said, a more extensive claim upon the charities of the Gospel, because their fate is less attributable to their own will. But we should not forget our own household—those "who have tasted of the heavenly gift" and who consequently feel the bereavement more intensely—on whom the light of the sanctuary once benumbed brightly and whose darkness is more painful from the contrast with which memory supplies them. Truly the death-bed of the exiled and deserted Catholic is pitiable. The recollections of time mis-spent and opportunities neglected crowding upon him—the soul weighed down by infirmity, guilt, and apprehension,—the moment of eternal doom approaching fast—the shadow of judgment darkening his death room; and yet of the thousand consolations which Religion supplies, the thousand views of hope which it opens upon the sinking spirit, not one to cheer him—no priest—no sacrament—no sacrifice. Still, there is the agonizing reflection, that such priceless assistance exists—but far away. Well may our correspondent say, that such a death-bed it is impossible to picture. Every good heart will offer its vows to Heaven that Bermuda be relieved; and every one with the spirit of christianity living in his bosom will accelerate the advance of assistance.

We have every reason to believe that Bermuda has occupied and does occupy a large share of attention in the proper quarter. We hope the day is not far distant when a clergyman will re-