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THE Kingdom of God is likened, by its great founder, to leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened. The silent but powerful influence of the truth of the Gospel of the Kingdom is here strikingly asserted, and not less the necessity for its dissemination. History has wonderfully illustrated and confirmed the Saviour's words, since it has shewn, that when the divine and spiritual leaven of truth has been diffused among the nations of the earth, it has been the power of God unto Salvation to every one who has believed it ; and where it has been withheld, darkness, and sin, and death, have reigned. Where there is no vision the people perish.

The great work of promulgating his truth Christ has devolved upon his people. He has made them its depositaries and witnesses. All who are Christ's, without exception, share in the honor, the blessedness and the responsibility of this work. All christians are qualified for this by the renewing of their minds, by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, by the constraining love of Christ, and by those gifts which he bestows upon all severally as he wills. While all believers are thus prepared and made responsible by their spiritual gifts and qualifications, Divine Providence has distributed them throughout the mass of mankind, most intimately blending them by the ordinary ties and associations of life, from which arise daily occasions of labour and influence. It is principally to facilitate the labors of christians in the