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The Missionary Meeting has become a marked feature in the arrangements of the church in modern times. Whether the general character of that church will bear a comparison with that of former periods, or whether, as some believe, Christianity in its modern aspects is less pure, less earnest, and less devoted in the work of saving men, it is undeniable that associations to promote the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom have become almost a necessity of our ecclesiastical existence. A sectarian ambition may, in some instances, have originated these associations; but the pecuniary resources they provide, the zeal they exhibit, the devoted labourers they call forth and sustain, and the undeniable good they have effected, proclaim them associations of a useful and beneficent character.

The genius of the gospel evidently warrants and demands such associations for its due expression and developement. However holy, happy, or zealous the individual Christian may be, he does not find the sweetest of his enjoyments to consist in eating his morsel alone. However numerous, or influential the Christian church may be, it seems to live in an element unfriendly to its health and vigour, unless it stretch out its arms to embrace the uninstructed and unsaved who lie far beyond. Christian privileges are but ill appreciated when they are retained in a monopolizing and selfish spirit. A fellowship of holiness and happiness is the only true and healthy condition of our spiritual being. While there are souls to save; while whole nations

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