

removing that ignorance, which, like a thick cloud, darkens their understandings and their hearts.

We feel that we cannot conclude this Report without shortly reverting to an event, fraught with interest, not only to you as a society, but to the whole church with which we are connected. We refer to the Union, long since desired by many, and which in the good Providence of God has been happily consummated. It must be a matter of joy to every right minded man when he sees a tendency towards union among Christians, thus accomplishing the object so earnestly prayed for by the Great Shepherd himself, while standing as it were on the very verge of that blackest cloud through which he was to pass, and yet of his own case he thought not, but ere he left his disciples and returned to his Father, earnestly prayed, "*That they all may be one as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*"

The world's condition demands that Christians be united—Union is strength in the church as well as in anything else; and now that two influential branches of the Christian Church have united, we look to the future with greater confidence, and feel ourselves in a better position for carrying out our designs, inasmuch as additional strength is imparted to our Society, as well as to the Church generally, and now that more is within your power, you must seek to accomplish more.

Hence in conclusion, your Committee would seek to impress upon your minds the necessity of continued effort in the great work to which you have given yourselves. The obstacles in your way are many no doubt, but the greater the difficulties to be overcome, the greater the efforts required. Our success in the past ought to stimulate us to greater perseverance in the future, especially when we think of how much remains to be accomplished before our hopes of the future be fully realised. Though the true light does shine, yet must we still say that darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the majority of the people; large portions of the human family are enveloped in the dark clouds of popery and heathenism, being ignorant of the way of salvation many are bowing down to stocks and stones, blindly groping for some salvation which they feel necessary; and though in the word of God we are assured that the time shall come when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the water cover the sea, when ignorance shall give place to knowledge, and sin to righteousness, yet for the accomplishment of this are the soldiers of the Cross called upon to labour. You ought then, resting upon the promises of God, to go forth to this high and holy work, and as fellow-workers together with Christ, seek to be instrumental in effecting that great change predicted in the Bible, when righteousness shall run down our streets as a mighty stream.

And this happy time shall come, when the latter day glory shall dawn; then will the forces of Zion rally around the standards of Zion's King, and under Christ, the Great Captain of their salvation, shall they go forth conquering and to conquer; "Then shall the church appear fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

JOHN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

Missionary Intelligence.

PROGRESS OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

The territory of Christianity is continually extending. No reverse of importance has befallen the Christian missions in pagan countries, while, on the other hand, we are able to chronicle a number of great successes, and the opening of several new and extensive missionary fields.