

near his heart; if he was now among us, who can doubt that his anxiety would be much greater again to see planted the standard of the cross on her sacred hills. Yes, he would again respond, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."

Although the brotherhood of old Virginia, (all honor to them) have proposed taking the Jerusalem mission under their especial care and supervision, yet to that we cannot give our ready consent. "Jerusalem, name ever dear to me!" must be the watchword of the entire brotherhood. There is magic in that name. So many glorious reminiscences cluster around it, that this mission must be kept in the van. May it lead on to the establishment of others until the Apostolic Gospel shall again be heard on every hill top, and through every valley, not only of Palestine and Asia Minor, but throughout all Asia and the East.

All the laborers in the begun reformation, have been perfectly agreed in one great fact. Indeed it is a fact of importance so great that its reception is absolutely necessary to a correct understanding of the Gospel dispensation. That the first pentecost after the resurrection is to the Christian institutions what the giving of the law at Sinai was to the Mosaic. That the "law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, that makes free from the law of sin and death"—on that day went forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, are truths and facts so dear to an intelligent Christian's heart, that he can never lose sight of them. Thus the ancient city of Melchisedic was the birth-place of the first congregation of the Lord—that here the Apostles were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and that this congregation should, in all time, be the model church, are facts kept constantly before those who are anxious to proclaim the Gospel, as did the Apostles, with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven.

Having so often stood in imagination, with the first heralds of the cross, on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, it is not a matter of surprise that the brotherhood should feel much more than ordinary interest in the re-proclamation of the same glorious gospel from the rock on which rested the "beautiful gate" of the ancient temple. Being all greatly enamoured with the great facts first demonstrated in that city, by the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, it seemed perfectly natural that a charm would again seize all our hearts at the thought of again being assured that the same gospel was being again proclaimed through our humble instrumentality. Realising, in some measure, our indebtedness to the Sons of Jacob, as the instruments of our present joy and anticipation of life immortal, we would, in this humble manner express to the long-scattered Sons of Israel who now cluster around the tombs of their fathers, our gratitude to them and to God for the distinguished favors of which we have been made the partakers. And above all; gazing, by the eye of faith, on the Jerusalem church, as the *model* church, who would not feel extremely desirous that on the same spot there might another congregation be built up "continuing steadfast in the Apostle's doctrine, in fellowship, in breaking of bread and in prayers!"