

eyes with the writhings of one monster, they have permitted themselves to be enwrapped in the mortal folds of the other reptile, whose coming they were told to expect. In all the long chequered history of man's follies and crimes, there exists no stronger example of the insanity bred by false religion. Whilst they have been thinking their wonder holiness; whilst they have believed that to panegyryze virtue was to be virtuous, the book of fate interprets to us their doings. *It* gives us to understand that their conduct has been hypocrisy; for it allows us to see them like natural brute beasts, made to be taken and slain—caught in the snare which they were enjoined to avoid. Had they been following on to know the Lord, this could not have befallen them. What we contend for is, that the time must come for something better. The roll must be drawn out again. There is positive need that we should see farther into its folds. Everything around proclaims the crying necessity. The age of miracles has ceased in every sense of the term. If there be strength in any direction, it does not flow from the well of Bethlehem.

If we survey the Church in its Missionary capacity, we derive no evidence of power from any quarter. Sects are transported from one tropic to another, and this is the chief if not the only result. The heathen are made acquainted with our language, our dogmas, our distinctions, and our rancour. Even to charity it must seem doubtful if they learn more than this; for even charity must question whether more than this is sent them. A fair and accurate mind can desery in the efforts that are making in this department, little more than certain auxiliaries of war and commerce to widen the circle of British influence.—When any result is obtained, we suspect it is nothing more than this, that the civilized man imparts to the savage some portion of his energy and his vices. This is an ef-