

his wretchedness, in all his spiritual destitution, in all his exposure to suffering and death; and, meeting all those great exigencies and wants of our nature, the Gospel reveals the only way of salvation, the only foundation of hope, the only path to glory, honor, immortality. The results of its influence in the world are a proof of its adaptation to man. It is no longer a matter of untried experience. We at this day occupy a position which gives us advantage even over the Apostles. We can look back on the workings of this mighty system for eighteen centuries; we can see how the Gospel, in all the varieties of its trials and experience in which it has been brought to bear on the diseases and maladies of our nature, has ever been attended with the same gracious power, has always secured the same spiritual result, and has thus proved the truth of the Apostle's declaration, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

But, great as has been the success of the Gospel, brighter triumphs yet await it. Its operations have been yet imperfect and incomplete. Many nations have yet heard no call of the Saviour's voice, and have not even had a glimpse of the Saviour's glory. We do not yet see all things put under Him, though we have positive testimony that there is yet to arrive, in the history of this long prostrate and apostate world, an era when the Gospel shall become the property of our race. True it is that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess, that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father; but every knee does not yet bow at the name of Jesus. Look abroad over the earth, and what do we behold? Here and there a country under the partial influence of the truth as it is in Jesus. Here and there a christian church planted in a heathen land. Here and there a solitary Hindoo sitting under the shadow of the cross. Here and there a lonely Chinese pondering over the pages of revelation. Look at the followers of Christ; they are as a handful of corn on the top of the mountains, shaken by the wind. As yet the Redeemer's cause in the world is as a grain of mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds; but the day is coming when the fruit thereof shall become great and

mighty, and shall fill the earth with its fruit, foliage and shadow.

The men of all dispensations feel and acknowledge the attractive power of the cross—the ante-deluvian, the Patriarch, the Prophet, the Apostle, from it they derive the foundation of their confidence; and it supplies them with the theme of their everlasting song, "To Him that loved us." Men of all ages and of all times shall be drawn to the cross of Christ. Its attractions were as strong in Saul of Tarsus as in the martyred Abel; and they shall be as strong in the least disciple who looks to it by faith that he may live.

The blood of Christ is equally precious in all ages; the sacrifice of Christ equally valuable in all ages; the intercession of Christ equally prevalent in all ages. Time and the revolution of ages cannot affect it. Millions have fled from the wrath to come, to the shadow of that cross, and yet there is room. Millions have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, and the fountain is open still. The men of every country and clime and dialect shall feel the power of the Gospel. They shall come from east and west, and north and south, and shall sit down, all drawn by the same mighty influence, all attracted by the same interesting object, with Abram, and Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of God. Such are the anticipations, such the hopes and aspirations, which the signs of the times, the spirit of prophecy, the history of the church, the circumstances of the world, warrant us to indulge. What says prophecy? "Ask of me, and I will give the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." "The knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the channel of the deep." "The Lord will make bare His holy arm amid the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God." So replete will then be the weight of joy and blessing, when the groanings of creation shall have been hushed—when its travail shall have terminated—when peace and liberty and joy shall have become the charter of our free and emancipated race, that then "will the wolf dwell with the lamb, and the leopard