

## RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

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## ADDRESS.

To the Children of God, scattered abroad throughout the world, the Second Memorial is humbly submitted, with renewed desires that grace and peace may be abundantly multiplied to them all, through the knowledge of God our Saviour.

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III. When we descend in our contemplation from the heights of Zion, and turn to things as they are, how changed is the scene presented before us! The world still lies in wickedness. Satan, its God, still holds men in bondage. The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. Hundreds of millions of the human race are still in a state of heathenism. Of those called by the Christian name, the vast majority belong to corrupt churches. Antichrist survives, and his power is gaining the ascendant. Of Protestants, how many have a name to live while they are dead! Infidelity and iniquity abound, and the love of many waxeth cold. The number of true living Christians is small. Compared with the mass of mankind, the people of God are still a little flock. They are also, for the most part, an afflicted and poor people. But are we, on account of these things, to despond? No, verily. The worm Jacob will yet thresh the mountains. The darkness may even increase which now envelopes the earth; danger may thicken around the Church; the enemy may come in like a flood, but let the people of God lift up their heads, for their redemption draweth nigh. It is the property of faith to say, Though He slay me, yet will I trust in him. Faith renounces all confidences save the word of God, the arm of God, the love of God. Faith, with a Divine promise in its hand, laughs at impossibilities. It can remove mountains, and cast them into the depths of the sea—because, venting itself in prayer, it moves the Hand that moves the world.

IV. How earnest should the people of God be for one another, seeing that on them, instrumentally, are suspended results so momentous. They are Christ's witnesses. Let us pray for one another, that we may fulfil this high calling. They are the Lord's remembrancers. Let us pray that we may never hold our peace, day nor night, and may give him no rest, till he arise and make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. They are the epistles of Christ. Let us pray that we may be manifestly declared to be so, by our resemblance to Christ. Nothing can exceed the encouragements we have to pray for the Lord's people. They are his chosen ones—the purchase of his blood—the objects of the everlasting love of the Father—the redeeming work of the Son—the saving grace of the Holy Spirit. In praying for them, we pray for the carrying out of the great work for which the Son of God became incarnate, and to which everything in creation and providence is subordinate. We pray for those for whom he intercedes—in whose welfare he delights—in whose salvation he is glorified. They are the jewels which compose his crown; the inheritance which he claims as peculiarly his own. They are God's husbandry, God's building. They are not merely servants, but sons; and if children, then heirs—heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ. We are sure then of doing what is agreeable to the will of God, when we abound much in earnest supplication for all saints. Let us seek the highest blessings for them, as well as for ourselves, as we find the holy apostle doing. Let us pray, as he does, that they may increase and abound more and more in knowledge, faith, love, and hope; let us desire that they may come behind in no gift, that their joy may be full, giving thanks for the grace already bestowed upon them. We should seek to remember the people of God at the throne of grace according to their several necessities, outward and inward—that the feeble-minded may be comforted, the bowed down raised up, those in darkness may be enlightened, the babes of Christ strengthened to the full exercise of their gifts and graces, the little children growing to the maturity of manhood, the fathers glorifying God, and edifying others by their knowledge of Him who is from the beginning. We should also de-

sire sanctified health and prosperity to one another seek that chastisements may be blessed, that death may be gain, that such as may be passing through the dark valley may be blessed with Jehovah's presence, and an entrance administered to them abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. We should pray that while in the world, being members of various communities, they may be enabled to glorify Him who has called them out of darkness, so that others may take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus; and whether as superiors, inferiors or equals, they may be blessed and made a blessing.

V. Abounding in prayer for the people of God, we will seek that the means of grace may be greatly blessed to them; especially the Gospel ministry, given expressly for the perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ. We will plead for the presence of Christ in his ordinances, according to his promise; we will desire that he may be exalted and extolled and made very high in a preached word. We will be ready to say, like Moses, If thy presence go not up with us, carry us not up hence. We will desire that He who walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks may show us his glory; we will, if rightly exercised, never be satisfied with ordinances, however purely administered, unless we find Him whom our souls love. For this end, we shall plead for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the revealer of Jesus, the converter of souls; we will desire that the Lord's servants may have a double portion of the Spirit; that they may be skillful in the word of righteousness; that they may preach not themselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord. We will seek that they may be enabled to declare the whole counsel of God; to feed the Church of God; that out of love to Christ they may feed his sheep, and feed his lambs; that they may be instant in season, out of season; able to reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine. We will earnestly desire the increase of faithful ministers, and an abundant blessing to rest on their labors. We will with our whole souls desire the purity, the unity, the efficiency, the enlargement, the universal establishment of the Christian Church. We will give thanks for any revival vouchsafed in former or later times, and pray for their diffusion on every side, so that by the plentiful effusion of the Holy Ghost, Pentecostal days may be revived and surpassed. We will mourn over our own sins, and the sins of the Church, as having provoked the Lord to withhold his blessing, and seek that they may be pardoned and purged away; and will earnestly desire that all things may be conformed to the mind of Christ as made known to his Church universal.

VI. It should also be our desire that wherever the Gospel is already possessed, nations, as such, may be brought under its sanctifying and humanizing influence, and every domestic relation purified, and elevated by the power of the truth; that all power being derived from God, may be consecrated to him who gives it, for wise and holy ends; that seminaries of learning may be nurseries of piety, instead of being as they too often have been, the means of spoiling multitudes, through philosophy and vain deceit; and that every institution designed for the welfare of society, may be sanctified by that which alone can do it, the word of God.

Finally, It behooves us all, each one to look narrowly to himself, and while engaged in seeking blessings for others, to spread out his own case before the Lord, that out of the fulness that is in Christ he may receive according to his need, grace for grace. Every one should know the plague of his own heart, and should make his prayer accordingly. And much need have all the people of God to put up the petition, Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

And now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us all perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever, Amen.

## ETERNITY.

WERE the mighty oceans which divide so many nations, and dash their waves upon so many shores, to be suddenly changed into one mass of ink, and then to be employed in numbering figures, and the least figure to signify a million of years, what countless ages would be numbered before the last were finished! before the oceans were emptied!—yet he who wrote the last figure might say, "These ages are not eternity. They are nothingness itself compared with it; less than one drop to all these waters, less than one moment to all these infinite ages!"—Pike.

## RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

## GENERAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

HAVING no further intelligence respecting our Missions, Dr. Anderson filled out the time with some account of the operations of other Societies; which, as it came chiefly from published reports, it is hardly worth our while to give in detail. He spoke of the operations of the Church Missionary Society of England, which has the support of the Evangelical part of the English Church. About 3,300 of the ministers of the Church of England give their support to this Society; and about 7,000 are attached to that of the High Church party. This society has 107 stations, and as many missionaries. Its receipts for the last year were \$400,000, and its expenditures were \$500,000. And they are \$100,000 in debt; and this Society, for other reasons, is now in a critical position.

The London Missionary Society is sustained by the Congregationalists of England. This, too, is a noble institution; and many of its missions have experienced great success. This, too, is burdened with a heavy debt. It owes \$100,000; a debt which has accumulated in two years. Its report presents one fact of great interest; and that is, that of the receipts of the last year, \$93,000 came from Mission Churches, and from Auxiliaries in foreign lands; and this was \$30,000 more than came from the same source the year before; a fact which gives great encouragement as to the prospect that churches reared among the heathen, will be able and willing to sustain their own institutions. The single item of contributions to this Society, from foreign fields of labor, being \$93,000, is more than the whole receipts of some important national Societies. To show what ability there is in India for the support of the Gospel, provided the hearts of the people were prepared for it, he quoted from the letters of one writer, who actually saw \$100,000 contributed in one day, to sustain idolatry at one heathen temple.

Dr. A. gave also a passing notice of the operations of the English Baptist Missionary Society, and of the successful operations of the Wesleyans in the Ashantee Country, in Africa. He also called attention to the persecuted converts in Madagascar; and from their example, showed what enduring attachment to the cause of Christ might be expected among heathen, if their hearts can be put in possession of the Gospel.

He further called attention to what the enemy, in the form of spreading the influence of Popery, is doing to obstruct the Missions of the Protestant world. The College of the Propaganda at Rome has ninety students in training as missionaries, to carry the errors of their system into all nations. These students are collected from all parts of the world—some from China, and some from this country—and this College has an annual income of \$60,000; and yet this is only one out of many colleges of Papists, which exist for the same purpose.—N. E. Puritan.

## A WONDERFUL PROVIDENCE SANCTIFIED.

Our readers will vividly remember the account of "two ministers struck with lightning at the communion table," in Connecticut, last summer. In a private letter which is published in the Vermont Chronicle, Rev. Henry Fuller, the pastor of the North Stamford church, in which this remarkable event occurred, communicates the following fact:

"I have the happiness of informing you that there is an interesting revival among my people. It assumed a prominent appearance about the 25th of Sept. last, in connection with a series of meetings which we held in our church about that time; and over sixty appear to have passed from death