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To every right-minded follower of Christ, nothing can be more interesting than the prosperity of the Saviour's Kingdom in his own heart, and the extension of it throughout the world. What the star is to the mariner in a night of storms; what the cooling fountain is to the pilgrim beneath a burning sky; what the costly pearl is to the Eastern merchant seeking after goodly treasures; what the sun is to the Laplander under the extreme rigours of a polar winter, who is deprived of its generous influences near half the year, and who welcomes its return with songs of joy;—such is Christ to a believer's mind. Having felt the excellency of the knowledge of Christ himself, he would have the sufferings of the world mitigated by publishing the good tidings of salvation. In our day the protracted darkness which has so long brooded over the face of the Heathen begins to break up. We hail the marshalling of the forces of Immanuel as the commencement of the universal glory of Him who is "a light to lighten the Gentiles." To range ourselves under the banner of the Cross is the result of our loyalty to the Head of the Church. Having avowed ourselves as His followers, is it possible we can be inactive when He thus addresses us,—“O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountains; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!” Isaiah xl. 9. The Jewish Prophets were the heralds of a Saviour to come; and beautiful upon the mountains were the feet of those who published peace; but the full development of the blessings they referred to was reserved for the Gospel dispensation. The price