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Great and manifold are the blessings vouchsafed by Almighty God, through the economy of salvation, to the human family. Very precious promises abound in the word of God with regard to our sin-cursed world; promises rich in the fulness of gospel blessings, light, life and power; gracious deliverance and full emancipation from sin and satan's thralldom, and yet we see millions of our race held in the chains of hellish bondage; shrouded in thick clouds of spiritual darkness; lying in the region and shadow of death. The question very naturally suggests itself, why is this?

Why, then, Almighty Saviour. why  
Do wretched souls in millions die,  
While the infernal tyrant reigns  
O'er spacious realms, in ponderous chains?"

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? are his faithful promises and his covenant with his people ineffectual? No emphatically no! The Lord is not slack concerning his promises, neither is his arm at all shortened, but the church has been remiss, she has not fully and faithfully performed her heaven imposed work, she has dallied with the world, she has descended from her high and glorious vantage ground, and listening to the message of the worldly Tobias and Sanballats, has on the plains of spiritual Ono coquetted with the sworn enemies of her glorious sovereign; and thus in a great measure has she been shorn of her strength. O, that she may ere long awake, shake herself from the dust, and gird herself with strength for the conquest of the world and the subjugation of a rebel race to the mild sway of her Emmanuel. That her sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, that her daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace. When the rich shall not be highminded nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God; be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.—When holiness to the Lord shall be engraven on her banners. Then shall God, even our own God bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

In reviewing our own mission work during the past year, we have cause of heartfelt gratitude to God, that considerable good has been accomplished. On several of the mission stations the Holy Spirit has been graciously poured forth, and souls have been added to the Church. Many of the Stations have contributed more liberally to the support of the cause; but in some instances the cause has suffered, because those who should contribute largely in proportion to the ability God hath given them have not done so. One Mission, viz: Mitchell,