

them by his precious blood, which only can cleanse us, and make us fit subjects to enjoy his favor and blessings forever. Cannot our souls still rejoice in the united efforts of the brethren, in their support in prayer for the continuance of the great and good work. Yes, Brethren, we can exclaim :

“ My soul forsakes her vain delights,  
And bids the world farewell :  
On things above would fix her sight,  
And there forever dwell.”

Are we to be satisfied with the glowing accounts received from the different Churches of God's goodness towards them, in bringing many into his fold? No, Brethren : there is still further desire for our zealousness—there are thousands, yea, millions more of our fellow creatures who are still in darkness. Let us “ Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet”, and show poor sinners their transgressions; let us lay hold of the prize, and continue faithfully, steadily, on and on, until satan's kingdom be utterly overturned, and the kingdom of Jesus Christ be fully established upon the ruins thereof. “ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”

The unanimity which seemed to pervade the proceedings during the session with the First Preston Church, and the zeal displayed in the deliberations by all the brethren leads us to contemplate the glorious future for which we are striving. We feel assured that our Convention there will be long remembered, and be as “ bread cast upon the waters.” We are thus further assured that these meetings tend to strengthen and encourage us in our onward march, and must necessarily scatter its seed in and among the people who so kindly received us. We cannot drop the thought without expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the kind hospitality shown by the members and well-wishers of the said Church towards the Ministers and Delegates, and the orderly manner in which all seemed to conduct themselves. This also is another proof of the efficacy of prayer strenuously put forth by the brethren.

In conclusion : Let us pray God with one united desire for the further prosperity of the Churches, and the increased zeal of all its members, until all with a united voice exclaim :

“ Religion is the chief concern  
Of mortals here below :  
May we its great importance learn,  
Its sovereign virtues know.”