

and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession."

Can it be doubted, that believing prayer thus offered in continuous volume from east to west, from north to south on the earth's surface for the work for which the Redeemer now lives in heaven, will be heard?—Can it be doubted that the members of Christ's mystical body, thus assailing his ear, which is ever open to hear, and appealing to his heart which is in harmony with the heart of his church in regard to his redemptive work?—can it be doubted that mighty results will be achieved, that a glorious harvest of souls will be gathered into the eternal granary. Faith says, these prayers *will be heard* and they will be answered. The spirit of grace will descend in rich effusion on the hearts of those praying; and he who has a perfect control over the hearts of his creatures, will call from their seats of ease, worldly prosperity or gain, the Matthews, and the Pauls, and the Johns, who are to be the heralds of the cross in every clime under heaven.

Against this proposal the croakings of unbelief will be heard. It will be muttered from many a heart, if not expressed by many a mouth, that the proposal is extravagant, chimerical, useless. To attempt to arouse the church to employ so much time in addition to what is already devoted to missionary effort, would be to put a stop to the operations of worldly traffic, and to the gains of the devotees of the world's marketing during these days and hours.

Our reply is, that so long as earthly prosperity and aggrandisement are chosen in preference to the prosperity of the cause of Christ, and the gaining of ruined souls from the gripe of the great destroyer, to the only Saviour of souls, the blessed periods prophesied of, which are yet to visit the earth will be indefinitely postponed, and the regions of eternal darkness will be filled with millions upon millions of the wretched captives of the prince of darkness. The field of heathenism will be a comparative waste for ages to come, and the church will be little better than a *caput mortuum* in the earth, appealing in utter helplessness for agents to carry on the work of the Lord in

the earth, by advertisements in periodicals, instead of making an urgent, earnest, and importunate appeal unto Him, who will summon the needed agents from the marts of business, the halls of science, the schools of theology, and from the inert and lethargic mass of the professedly christian world.

It is the decided conviction of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of British North America, that until some extraordinary means are resorted to beyond what at present are in operation in the churches of christendom, we shall be doomed to go down to the grave with the deep sigh arising from the heart, that the year of the redeemed of the Lord has not dawned upon us.

Letter from Rev. Mr. Geddie.

Sydney, New South Wales,

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Rev. and Dear Sir,

I must write a few lines to you though I have little of importance to communicate. We have spent some busy, and I trust, not unprofitable weeks in Australia. Many meetings have been held in Victoria and New South Wales, addressed by the various Missionaries. These meetings will tend to deepen and expand the interest already felt in the missionary cause in these colonies. The churches of Australia are likely to become eminently Missionary Churches. Their nearness to the mission field, and the fact that they are so often visited by missionaries will keep the subject of missions always before them. The people also have generous hearts and much wealth, and are always ready to make a liberal response to every good cause presented to them. We are all much indebted to the kind attention of the friends of missions to us during our sojourn here.

The "John Williams" reached Australia a few weeks before us, and we have met her in Sydney. She is a beautiful specimen of naval architecture, and one of the finest ships that sail the seas. She brought out five Missionaries, one of whom will remain in Australia for a few months, on account of the illness of his wife. The others will