

spirit, and in proportion as he engages in the great work of seeking those that are lost, so will he realise more and more the deep woes, the terrible degradation, the gross sinfulness and fearful danger of the human family. His heart must melt as he watches the career of multitudes. Compassion and love will find an increasing number of objects on which to lavish their kind offices, and the heart that renders to these emotions an abiding-place, will become more and more tender as it yields itself to the influence of sympathetic affections.

Further, the exercise of missionary zeal, while kindling and fanning the flame of love, greatly increases the christian's knowledge. How narrow and contracted the views of the poor cottager who never journeyed a dozen miles from his own door, but not more contracted and erroneous are his views of temporal things, than are the ideas about eternal things of the man whose soul never stretches her wings to fly beyond his own little home circle. When, however, zeal prompts him to traverse oceans and rivers, to descend rapids, to scale mountains to follow the Red Skin through his track to his wigwam in the forest, or to trace out through burning sandy deserts the African in his kraal, when he endures the scorching rays of India's sun, or the rigors of a Greenland winter, how enlarged become his views of providence and grace. As difficulties vanish and hair-breadth escapes are afforded, light banishes ignorance, truth destroys superstition, and the blood of Calvary dropping on the sterile wilderness, so crowded with all things unclean, makes of the place that lieth in the power of the wicked one, a garden deauteous as Eden, and blossoming like the rose. Just as the coming of Christ from Heaven to fallen man made angels sing—Glory to God in the highest, because they had glimmerings of glory in the divine character they never saw before; so whenever we take Christ to our fellow men, we learn lessons of divine wisdom, power, and truth, we could never learn in any other way. Oh, who can adore with so much of the true spirit of adoration, who can worship with so much of intelligence, who can sing with such sweet accents, as the man who fights the battles of the Lord and conquers.

The lessons learnt from missionary experience and missionary intelligence, not only show God's glory more clearly, but man's nature more fully, and this knowledge of man in the many diverse positions he occupies, is invaluable to the christian church.

Another result directly traceable to missionary effort, is the increased happiness of the church. It would be next to impossible for an individual to feel that he was either doing good or receiving good without joy and satisfaction, even the prospect of proving a blessing is calculated to produce emotions not unwelcome to the Divine being, for Jesus himself was animated and sustained by the joy that was set before him, but when there are successes and tokens for good in the present, the delight is like the jubilee in heaven when one sinner is brought unto repentance.

The man who has great missionary zeal has no time to be miserable. Dr. Harris in his prize essay, *The Great Commission*, relates an interesting circumstance of one of the most devoted servants of God of the last century, Andrew Fuller, who remarked to a friend, "There was a period of my ministry marked by the