

expended? The matter has been subjected to the test of arithmetical calculation, and here is the answer. In 1870, when the Sandwich Islands practically ceased to be a burden upon the Mission funds of the American Presbyterian Churches, it was found that there had been expended altogether \$1,220,000: the total number of members admitted into communion had been 55,300. This gives an expenditure of \$22.06 per convert. Sum up the annual expenditure of any of our city churches; give them credit for the actual increase of their communion rolls and see if the cost of each communicant be not, in the most favourable circumstances, much more. The congregation that is maintained at an annual expense of \$8000—not an exaggerated figure—had need, at the same cost per member as that expended in the Sandwich Islands, to add 363 members annually to its communion Roll.

But it is simply unfair, from the foreign mission point of view to limit ourselves to such comparisons, however favourable they may be to the success of Missions. The results already achieved are but the first-fruits of a work that, upon the ordinary principles of human calculation, may be expected to go on with yearly increasing rapidity. The vastly increased facilities for inter-communication by sea and by land, by railway and telegraph: the diffusion of the English language, and the spread of English Literature: and last, but not least, the great change that has taken place in the Governmental Policies of the nations, all point to a possible acceleration in the spread of the Gospel and to the conversion of all people that on earth do dwell, at a point of time near enough to coincide with the accepted interpretation of the prophetic writings of the Holy Scriptures. The ultimate success of missionary effort is beyond peradventure. Nothing is surer.

“As truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the Glory of the Lord.” NUMBERS xiv. 21. “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the

mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it:” ISAIAH ii. 2. “For he must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet:” 1 CORINTHIANS xv. 25. “The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever:” Rev. xi. 15.

As has been well remarked, “have we not, in the overthrow of Paganism in the old Roman Empire, a pledge of the final triumph over every form of error, idolatry, and superstition? Those gigantic systems, Buddhism and Brahmanism, are already trembling to their fall. The leaven of Christianity is already upheaving these ancient structures which, one day, as by the crash of an earthquake, shall involve them in a general and final overthrow. In the fullness of the time, the cry will be heard, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen!’ and upon its scattered ruins shall most certainly arise the Temple of Christianity, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets—Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone.”

Jesus shall reign.

“ALL NATIONS SHALL SERVE HIM.”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest,

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

Isaac Watts.