

only over desolate portions of our own land, that complain "No man careth for our souls", but the whole field—the world—opens up to view. The spirit of mission enterprise points us to the Greek and the Jew, as well as to Islands beyond, which the *Dayspring* has gone to explore. The cry from all these is, "Come over and help us," and it meets a response in the hearts and from the lips and the pens of more or fewer in the bosom of the church. *It deepens*—It requires more deep-toned piety—more determination—more ardent love—more vigorous zeal—more anxious concern for the divine glory and for the triumph of the cross—more thorough self-consecration—more fervent prayer—and more single-eyed respect to the great recompense of reward. It demands more vigorous intellectual power—more thorough mental discipline—more extended scientific, philosophical, philological, hermeneutical and theological research. These are specially called for to preserve the towers—maintain the bulwarks and uphold the palaces of Zion. More of the spirit of meekness and more of the tongue of fire are required to tell to the generation following the wondrous works which we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us, the works which God is working in our day for the consummation of his divine purposes to man, and for bringing home to Zion the last of his redeemed, shouting grace, grace unto it. Much of what is needed must come from the Master's hand; and he has promised and is faithful. But for much he depends upon the co-operation of his people whom he honors with a partnership in this glorious work. The Lord of the harvest will send labourers into his harvest, but for this the command is, "Pray ye." "Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate. I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it. Thus saith the Lord God, I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them. I will increase them with men like a flock. His agents are *men*. The treasure is in earthen vessels. They must be cherished and sustained. Thus hath the Lord ordained that

they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel, and the workman is worthy of his hire. The tithes are in the people's hands. They are the salt of the earth. To them the Lord who prospers them imperatively says—"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house." For labourers the Lord looks to the *prayers* of his people. For their support he depends upon the *tithes*. Shall they not be given?

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## Our Foreign Missions.

Letter from Rev. D. Morrison.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, Mar. 4, 1864.  
My Dear Mr. Editor,—

We are now in Melbourne. We got in yesterday, after a passage of forty-nine days from the Cape of Good Hope.

If we had now to tell our readers of a sad shipwreck, of days spent in open boats, of keen sufferings from hunger, from thirst and from sickness; of days and nights of painful anxiety and suspense, of hairbreadth escapes, but of final deliverance, would not their heart be filled with gratitude and their mouth with praise, for the tidings of our safe arrival? We are here now, all of us that left Nova Scotia in the *Dayspring*, safe and sound. We are not only brought hither in safety, but without having even *seen* danger, and without having experienced on our voyage anything approaching necessity or distress. O then, if we would be grateful to God for a safe passage, though with hairbreadth escapes, let us be much more so when he has given us the greater mercy of safety with comfort. It is a sad sign if when God multiplies comforts to us, we are less grateful than when the rod is upon us. This is a state of mind which will, undoubtedly, bring down the rod upon us.

The latter part of our voyage has been performed with equal comfort and safety as the first.

In this place we meet, as might be expected, with much Christian sympathy and kindness. We had to-day several visits on