

higher views of duty point will be effected. And from a higher standing point in morals, Christians of future days will wonder as much, how true and genuine Christians could act in relation to themselves, and in relation to their brethren, as is common now, as we wonder when we look on John Newton converted to God, and praying and wrestling with temptation in his cabin, yet the captain of a slave ship.

This is the progress we are to expect. This is the glorious development of Christianity which we are to look for. Well did the wise Preacher say: "Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this." The latter days are the better days. The cause of truth, of righteousness, of God, is ever advancing. The time is approaching when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth, and when believers shall come in the "unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Happy they, who help forward this glorious consummation! Happy they, who in their own persons are tending to it! Happy they, who are in the advance in this mighty progress, which nothing can finally stop, nor even the gates of hell prevail against it! Happy they, who cherish in their hearts and manifest in their lives, that holy charity which shall one day bind the whole race of man into one family of love, over which Christ shall reign, and God rejoice as of old, when He looked on the six days' work, and behold it was good. Meanwhile, if we be Christians at all, following the instinct, if we may so term it, of the new and spiritual life which prompts us to seek after advancement and perfection, we will endeavour to apply the principles of Christianity to ourselves and our people according to the best light we have, and with prayer to that God who is both light and love, for more light and more love. We, I say,