

O blessed flame,
And ardent desire !
O sweet refreshment,
To love the Son of God !

O Jesus, brighter than the sun,
And more fragrant than balsam ,
Sweeter than all sweetness,
And more lovely than all things

Whose taste is so sweet,
Whose odor is so refreshing ,
After whom my mind fainteth away ,
Thou art every thing to a true lover.

Thou art the delight of the mind,
The consummation of love :
Thou art all my glory
Jesus, the salvation of the world

Jesus has returned to his Father ;
He has ascended to his heavenly kingdom :
My heart has gone away from me ;
It has flown after Jesus :

Let us offer praises to Jesus '
Vows, hymns, and prayers,
That he may grant us in heaven,
To enjoy seats with him for ever. *Amen.*

Association for the Propagation of the Faith.

As a branch of this most glorious Catholic Institution has been established in Halifax, and has already excited to a great degree, the zeal and piety of the faithful, we have determined to publish from time to time, some of the motives which should induce all good Catholics to support it, together with accounts from the various missions throughout the world which are sustained or assisted by this Society. It is

right that we should know the importance and the wants of that portion of the Church of Jesus Christ, which is established among idolatrous nations in distant regions—the facility with which we might assist them—the duty which is imposed on us to do so, and the precious advantages we should derive from our trifling sacrifices. The diffusion of such knowledge must necessarily contribute to the success of this great Association ; it will also serve to strengthen our own faith, and to enkindle in our hearts more and more, the sacred fire of charity.

I.

THE GREAT EXCELLENCE OF THE WORK
OF THE MISSIONS, AND MOTIVES WHICH
SHOULD INDUCE US TO PROMOTE IT.

However great may be the number of men who, by an effect of the divine mercy, are enlightened by the light of the gospel, the number of those who are ignorant of the true God, or who reject him, is much greater still. Out of eight hundred millions of men spread over the earth, perhaps five hundred millions, according to the energetic expression of Scripture, are seated in the shadow of death ! Such is the multitude of souls not yet in the way of salvation ; what will be their end, if, by the means of preaching or by a miracle of Providence, the Almighty does not come to their assistance ? What should we ourselves have become, if, in the first ages of Christianity, St. Patrick had not brought to our forefathers the precious torch of faith ? The spirit of charity which animates the Church of