

calls himself christian, shall open the depths of his soul to the light of the New Testament, and ask the oracle that gives responses there, "What does 'the God of the whole earth' require me to say, to do, to give, as the expression of my sympathy with his church, the fulfilment of my duty to his world?"

Assuredly, however, there is a serious failure, whenever a zealous exertion for missions abroad, is unconnected with corresponding effort for the diffusion of truth at home. To the compassion aroused for the heathen world, we owe much that has been done for our own land; in watering others, we have been watered; and have abundantly proved, that "there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth." To maintain the ground already occupied, and greatly to extend the scene of labour, we are also solemnly pledged. But to suffer this obligation to withdraw or diminish our sympathy for those who are perishing immediately around us, is not only to have their blood required at our hands, but to weaken the cause we are engaged to promote. The principal means now operating in heathen lands, were put forth, and are still sustained, by the part of Britain hitherto evangelised; and in proportion as the moral and spiritual culture of our country is continued and prospered, will these means be increased. Those who are now "a curse," will then prove "a blessing." As men become solicitous for their own salvation, they will feel concerned for the eternal welfare of others; and thus, in every instance of real conversion, (whatever be the instrumentality by which it is effected,) one is added to the christian church,