

There are, doubtless, now, in America, one million baptised believers. Suppose they should all combine their energies, they could sustain at least 10,000 intelligent men capable of presenting the gospel to those who have not heard it; and those who are not capable of going abroad to proclaim the words of eternal life could teach their families, friend and neighbors, and they at least would be equal to as many more; then there would be equal to 20,000 preachers wholly devoted to the dissemination of truth. We ask again what could withstand such a host!

Professors of religion—preachers in particular, are to blame that the whole world is not converted to God! Do not be alarmed, my friends, I do not suppose that we can of ourselves change men's hearts; but I do believe in the power of that God and that Gospel which was exhibited in the primitive ages of the Church. If men could see an exemplification of primitive christianity in the professed followers of the Lamb, they would fall into love with it; and as all are in the pursuit of happiness, they would become obedient to the faith. Cold-hearted professors who think more of their opinions and parties, than they do of the salvation of their friends and neighbours, may sneer at our affirmations, but the past has taught us the power of the Gospel; and the success that has attended a re-proclamation of the same truths, when people's prejudices are partially removed, puts the question beyond a doubt in our mind, that if Christians were united now, that we should see sinners by thousands flocking to the standard of the Cross!

Can any give a reason why we should not see the same success attending the truth now as formerly? Is it because we lack spiritual gifts for healing the sick, raising the dead? &c. Does not the Lord design to produce the same effects by his word—containing a faithful record of these things that he did by these miracles? Let it be remembered that these miracles were not performed in men to give them faith, nor to change their hearts; but simply that the commission of the ancient disciples might be confirmed! "They went forth, the Lord working with them, confirming the word by signs following."—See Mark, xvi. and Heb. ii.

Men under the dominion of their lusts and passions resisted the words of the Savior's lips—the miracles performed before their eyes—and the wonders performed in the name of the Lord by the Apostles, thus proving the truth of Abraham's words to the rich man in Hades: "If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."

The fact must be fully established in every intelligent mind, that the same power attends the preaching of the word now as ever; *if not the promise of the Lord has failed*. "Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world." And how was the Lord to be with his disciples? How was Moses and the Prophets with the Jews? Abraham says, "they have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them." They had the words of Moses and the Prophets: so the Lord promised to be with the Apostles till the conclusion of this state, or the christian dispensation. We, therefore, have the Lord Jesus and his Apo-