

Let us then allow the missionary cause to open up before us in all its proportions and far-reaching results. Let the pressing needs of the wide area yet to be won for Christ find in us a hearty response. Let the wailing cries of the millions who are perishing for lack of the gospel reach our ears. Let the noble self-sacrifice, undaunted courage and Christian heroism that characterized a Brainerd, a Duff, a Moffatt, a Livingstone, and a Carey be our inspiration and our hope, and with implicit trust in the great Captain parour salvation, let us plant His banner in distant heathen lands, being fully assured that His cause will ultimately triumph.

### PRIZES.

The question of prizes is one that is at present being less or more agitated in many of the leading colleges of Canada; and so far as I have been able to gather, there is certainly a strong feeling against such being offered in colleges and schools. The prevailing opinion is that they fail in the legitimate object for which they may be given, namely *to reward diligence*. It is held, and rightly so, that to reward *Intellectual capacity* and *not diligence* is wrong and unjust. It is setting a seal of approbation upon one of God's creation, merely because it was so made, while you refuse to acknowledge in the same manner another piece of workmanship equally of God. This is an act of injustice to the one of humbler capacity, inasmuch as he is not responsible for the *possession of certain talents*, but merely for the use he makes of these. It is dealing with God's creation in a manner in which He Himself would not deal with it, as at last, when time is no more, and Lord Jesus Christ shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the Archangel and the trumpet of God, and when in obedience to the Divine Voice in which there is life, all shall leap forth from the tombs and stand before the Great Judge, He will not say, merely to a Knox, or a Calverton, or a Wesley or Spurgeon: You are really a prodigy, you have outrun all others, receive this garland amidst the joyful shouts of approbation from the Angelic hosts, whilst He says to the rest: you did what you could, you were very diligent and struggled hard against great adversities, but you are not to be compared with a Spurgeon, therefore I have nothing for you. No, the Divine approbation of a loving Father will rest upon all the Faithful, each shall receive from His Loving Hand a Crown of Eternal life. All shall be rewarded according to the deeds done in the body. And not because one exceeded the rest of mankind; the man with *one talent* that gained one of talent, will receive the Divine approbation just as much as the man with five that gained other five, each will receive that "come ye blessed of my Father."