

to plant the "*tree of life*" whose "leaves are for the healing of the nations," in every region and district of the habitable world.

The zeal employed in the hallowed cause of Missions, is not the wildness of enthusiasm, not the evanescent feeling of weak and disordered minds; no, it is the natural offspring of an enlightening, purifying, and vigorous Christianity, a Christianity that freely imparts its rich and immortal blessings to the souls of men, and which imperiously enjoins on its happy recipients, to bestow on others, as freely as they have themselves received; it is excited in the heart by the sounds of human misery, and fanned by the animating influences of the Holy Ghost, into a confirmed and expansive principle.

The cause of Missions claims our softest sympathy, our most fervent zeal, and our most enlarged and diffusive liberality. We have heard much of the horrors of Paganism; but the "*half has not been told us.*" Visit these lands of moral darkness, these strong holds of satan, and you will see iniquity perfect in its growth, arrived at its very summit. Reflect on their habits and manner of life—their obscene and superstitious rites—their cruel and bloody sacrifices—their gloomy and disgusting mythology; and you will readily perceive that the modern Pagans have attained that awful climax of abomination and abasement, applied by the Apostle to the ancient heathen; "who being past feeling, having given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

It is a fact, confirmed by the history of all ages, that no nation ever emerged out of barbarity and darkness, into civilization and glory, without some extraneous assistance, and with us, it is not an hypothetical opinion, but a deep-rooted conviction, that nothing but the "*glorious Gospel of the blessed God,*" can recover the heathen from their moral degradation, raise them to their proper rank as intellectual beings, and conduct them to unfading happiness beyond this transitory scene. Wherever the Gospel has been carried, by means of Christian Missionaries, the most beneficial effects have followed—the Hottentot in his kraal—the Hindoo at his temple—the Savage of America in his forest wanderings—and the poor Negro with his clanking chain of slavery, have been civilized and christianized by the labours of pious Missionaries, from the once barbarous isle of Britain, now the glory of all lands; we may therefore confidently anticipate, amelioration in the general condition of mankind, and a greater equality in the moral and political advantages of every tribe and people. The consummation may be distant, but it is sure. "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years." Already the mountains of Candy—the jungles and the huts, and the cinnamon groves which skirt the coast of Ceylon—the wide and distant regions of Southern and

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