

and prompt to consecration in this and every other department of christian duty. Instead of the strange spiritual lethargy, too often evinced by professors of christianity, we should reasonably expect that motives excited by the contemplation of the love and grace of God in Christ toward His people, delivering them from the dominion of sin and Satan, making them the heirs of Himself and joint-heirs with Christ, and ultimately elevating them to the bliss and glory of Heaven should lead, not only to holy aspirations after the presence and image of their Saviour, but also to burning zeal and whole-hearted benevolence in spreading abroad the glad tidings of salvation.

3. We should also be prompted to devotion in the work of Home Missions by motives drawn from the Saviour's words—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." In regarding that commission we are not to confine our thoughts and efforts to the remotest portions of the world. Duty demands of us to bear, as far as possible, the gospel to our antipodes. And there is something sublime in the idea of sending forth messengers of salvation to those nations plunged in the darkness of idolatry in far distant lands. Much financial expenditure and much danger to human life is involved. The amount necessary for the *outfit* and *passage* of one missionary family destined to Burmah is quite sufficient to sustain a mission in the Home field for *three* years or more. But while there may not be in the view of some the same moral grandeur in connexion with Home Mission labour, still the great commission unquestionably includes those perishing for the bread of life who are near at hand as well as those far remote. Hence our duty. The Saviour's directions to His Apostles to "begin at Jerusalem" favors the idea that in extending the Gospel to far off heathen lands, we should not overlook the destitute nearer home. And in faithful endeavours to evangelize the needy portions of our Province we have to