

able either to discover or conceive ; and in him, of all human writers, you will meet all his sentiments and words, raised and suited to the greatness and dignity of the subject.

I have detained you longer on this majesty of style, being, perhaps, carried away with the greatness and pleasure of contemplation. What I have dwelt so much on, with respect to Divine subjects, is more easily to be observed, with reference to human ; for in all things below divinity, we are rather able to exceed than to fall short ; and in adorning all other subjects, our words and sentiments may rise in a just proportion to them ; nothing is above the reach of man, but heaven ; and the same wit that can raise a human subject, only debases a Divine !

HYMN—C. M.

For the Wesleyan.

QUICKENING GRACE DESIRED.

1. *THOU, our Redeemer, Lord, we praise,
While in thy courts we meet ;
In hymns of joy our voices raise,
And worship at thy feet.*
2. *The great and glorious God, thou art,
Eathron'd above all height :—
For Jesu's sake thy love impart,
Thy peace and heavenly light.*
3. *Pardon on ev'ry conscience seal,
While we our homage pay ;
O may we all thy presence feel
To cheer us on our way.*
4. *Revive, O Lord, each fainting mind,
Inflame our hearts with love—
So shall we all thy mercy find
And share the joys above.*
5. *Now, now, the quick'ning grace bestow,
And raise our minds to heav'n ;
And praises shall, in ceaseless flow,
To thee our God be giv'n.*

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MISSIONARY.

ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE, AND STRENUOUS EFFORTS FOR ITS ENLARGEMENT.

EVERY serious and attentive observer of the signs of the times must have noticed many striking indications that both the church and the world are hastening to the most important era in their moral history. The change of dynasties, and the revolutions of empires, the convulsive shock given to Pagan idolatry, and the warning condition of Mohammedanism and the Papacy, may be viewed as so many steps towards the erection of the throne of Messiah's spiritual dominions. Not only does the present aspect of the vast field lead to the conclusion that it is ripe already to harvest, but we have also the requisite implements for its gathering. There is much truth in the assertion, that the disproportion was far greater between the resources of the first Christians and the success of their labours throughout the then Roman empire, than subsists between those which Christians now possess, and the conversion of the world. It is, nevertheless, cause of humiliation and regret, that the church, though in possession of adequate means for evangelizing the globe, should have been so lamentably deficient in the production of the apparatus essential to its accomplishment. The general tenor of the Holy Scriptures warrants us to expect the conversion of the nations of the earth, by the universal spread of the Gospel through the medium of missionary ministrations, and the evidence has been thus summed up by an unerring pen :—"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The primary duty of Christians towards the heathen, therefore, must consist in training up, sending forth, and maintaining an adequate number of ministers to proclaim God's message of mercy to a guilty world. But who will sedulously engage, as labourers or helpers in this great work,

unless their minds are deeply impressed with a sense of the awful condition of the idolatrous heathen ?

There are Christians, not a few, by no means devoid of concern for their state, who nevertheless deplore their own lukewarmness and want of energy in so beneficent a cause. Such persons have probably expected to experience a flow of sacred sympathy and a stimulus to active exertion, apart from the motives whence they spring. They may not have considered, that the affections and the conduct can be duly and permanently influenced only by the convictions of truth. When a well-regulated mind is once thoroughly convinced of its duty, the measure of effort put forth in the performance will be proportionate to the extent and accuracy of the information it possesses. Hence the first step towards the just appreciation of a valuable object is, to gain right views concerning it ; and to feel deeply interested in a good cause, we must acquaint ourselves with its nature, and as far as possible, with details.

With respect to missionary operations, this may, in a measure, be effected by a careful perusal of the Notices, and a regular attendance at the monthly Prayer Meeting ; and justly is our indifference or inertness chargeable on ourselves, if we needlessly omit so obvious and easy methods of gaining information. Our interest in the noble cause would be further increased by rendering ourselves familiar with the proceedings of other kindred societies. At an early period of his bright career the Rev John Wesley, was wont, on one evening in each month, to read to his societies accounts of the progress of the work of God both at home and abroad, not only amongst the Methodists, but in other Christian Societies. A plan so well calculated to enlarge the mind and affect the heart ; to break down the partition wall of sectarianism, and to promote oneness of spirit, the surest prelude of success,—is worthy of imitation in the present day.

Would we witness zeal for the missionary enterprise fanned into a sacred flame, and feel its genial heat, probably no one mean would more directly tend to foster it, than an intimate acquaintance with the toils and achievements of eminent missionaries of the several denominations, in their diversified fields of labour. A suggestion bearing upon this point was recently thrown out in a number of a periodical entitled "The Mother's Magazine," which, if generally adopted, would facilitate the accomplishment of so desirable an object. It was there proposed, that on the first Monday in the month, heads of families should study to make all their reading, prayer, and conversation, bear, as much as possible, on the subject of Foreign Missions. Thus might many of the rising generation be taught, from infancy, to list their prayers for the salvation of the heathen ; to revere the character of the devoted missionary ; and to anticipate, as their highest felicity and honour, the privilege of one day treading in his steps.

Supposing this measure to be secured, another desideratum is, a union of interest and effort amongst all the members of Christian societies ; for, though it is cause of rejoicing to witness the large increase of missionary associations, and the active zeal, tempered by prudence, which they exhibit, the glory of God will not be revealed, so that yet "all flesh may see it together," until every church becomes an apostolic, or what is virtually the same, a missionary church.

To behold and to consider the field, are essential preparations to its efficient cultivation ; hence a deeper and more hallowed sympathy, with a corresponding increase of pecuniary aid, and active exertion, may be reasonably expected to follow the wide circulation amongst the various sections of the church, of interesting missionary intelligence. Let this enlarged knowledge once be brought into action, and if it elicit not powers as well as feelings of which the possessor was previously unconscious, the very exercise of those he has, sanctified by the cause to which they are de-