

If the church then wish to prosper, let her cultivate a missionary spirit. Let her look upon the world as committed to her trust; and whatever schemes politicians may form for its regeneration, let her hold forth the light of truth till it shall enlighten every land. To keep alive interest and zeal, let her familiarize herself with the moral condition of the world and gather information from every quarter. If the church act thus, she has nothing to fear. The promises of God in Christ Jesus are yea and amen: and though her king when he laid the foundation of her empire wore a crown of thorns, yet God has highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God the Father.

Miscellaneous.

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The infinite distance between body and mind, figuratively represents the infinitely more infinite distance between mere intellect, and pure love; for that love is supernatural.

The pomp of external shew has no attraction to men engaged deeply in intellectual research. The greatness of intellectual men is imperceptible to the rich, to kings and conquerors who are but carnally great. The grandeur of that wisdom, which comes from God, is invisible both to merely sensual, and merely intellectual men. Here then are three different orders of distinction.

Great minds have their peculiar empire, their renown, their dignity, their conquests. They need not the sensual splendours of this world, between which, and the things that they seek, there is little similarity. It is the mind, and not the eye which appreciates their excellence; but then this satisfies them.

The saints also have their empire, their renown, their greatness, and their victories, and need not either sensual or intellectual splendour, to make them great. Such things are not of their order, and neither increase or diminish the greatness which they seek. God and his angels discern them, whilst, to the bodily eye, or the philosophic mind, they are alike invisible: but to them, God is every thing.

Archimedes is venerated independently of the distinction of his birth. He won no battles; but he has given some wonderful inventions to the world. How great, how illustrious, is he to the scientific mind!