

name of the Lord ;" that the friends of Christianity will be disposed to help you on your way.

Whether your Committee look upon the good effect of Missionary labors now seen in some portions of the world, or on the evil consequences arising from the want of them in others, it is equally impressed with the unspeakable advantages to every country, of having the worship of God ; the ordinances and sacraments of Christ's religion ; and the consolations of a pure Faith, brought within its boundaries on every side and pervading its whole surface, as means through which the streams of its noblest life may be made to flow.

By means of the missionary, (under God's mercy,) heathen souls are daily drawn from the destroyer's grasp ; and, within the fold of our own missionary Church, the Hindoo, the New Zealander, the Canadian Indian, men of different climes and families are brought near to Christ and made one, through the adoption of his Father,—being received into the family of true believers.—So that, though aliens to one another in the world, they are partakers of the same salvation in the Heavenly Kingdom,

In our Father-land, the recognition of God's will, (according to his Word,) has formed a barrier against the flood of social disorder, while, in its worst features, it was exemplifying upon the continent of Europe that sad history which our Lord has bequeathed to us, of the "house built upon the sand." And if the fears which have lately been excited of the cholera's approach be realised, much more forcibly will a dependence for mortal man on the principles and comfort of Christ's Gospel commend its wisdom to the soul.

As a city set upon an hill, your Society claims a conspicuous position. Should it not be an honorable one ? Should it not "stand upon its watch" to guard (as far as human foresight may,) against every coming evil,—every evil against which its sense of duty may call upon it to provide a timely remedy. And how many ills to which mortality is subject, will the Gospel remedy ? How universal is the antidote when faithfully applied ! For, "by the fear of God men depart from evil," and by the "love of God" that evil which may be forced upon them through a nature the