

Many of the forms of sin, that formerly prevailed among men, have been destroyed by the Gospel of Christ. The power of the Son of God, operating through the Church; like the stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands, has smitten many of the superstitious pagan practices and institutions of sin, shivering them to atoms; the breath of the Almighty has blown upon them, scattering them to the four winds, so that no place is found for them upon the earth.

“ For this the saints lift up their voice,
And ceaseless praise to Thee is given;
For this the hosts above rejoice,
We raise the happiness of heaven.

Although much has been accomplished, a great deal yet remains to be done; sin and iniquity largely obtain, and everywhere struggle for the mastery. There can be no compromise with the enemy; no “rest-and-be-thankful” policy, must be allowed to damp our zeal, or clog the missionary enterprise. From the towns and cities of our Dominion, cries for help, reach us. If missionaries are to be sent, and churches built, to meet the ever growing wants of the population, the church must freely of its wealth and abundance, bring into the treasury of the Lord, the tithes and offerings.

The principles by which we stand, are not impracticable and vague theories; but truths, well tested and tried. By the influences of the ever blessed Gospel, men are raised to sonship and fellowship with God, and are elevated to the dignity of sanctified manhood; nations are lifted up from all manner of degrading practices, to the intelligent worship of the living God. The marvels of the day of Pentecost, the Reformation in Germany, the revivals of Methodism, and the gracious results of the preaching of Moody and others, all attest the efficacy of the blood of Christ to cleanse from all sin. Nor is it to be wondered, that such results follow the earnest preaching of Christ crucified; and that such men as Luther, Knox, Wesley, and our own Thorne, Reed, Methers, and Eynon, triumphed gloriously; for God has given to the church, “the gift of the Holy Ghost, and in the name of the Lord they lifted up their banners.

As a branch of the church of God, to which He has committed a dispensation of His grace, we are striving to do