

forests. But if the work is God's—which we believe it to be—it will be accomplished, whether He will honour us with his agency or not. If we are remiss, He will reject us, and call others into His vineyard. But if we are active, He will bless our labours and augment our means of usefulness. He who turneth the hearts of men whithersoever he will, will raise up well-qualified missionaries for the field, and prepare, by his Spirit, that field for the “good seed of the word” which they sow. “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of Hosts,” and all that is requisite for his own purposes will most assuredly be found, in the free and liberal contributions of his people. Only let the conviction, that God's own hand is in the work, be cherished, and a humble reliance on his aid be encouraged, and there will be no need to appeal to the benevolent sympathies of the heart. It would spontaneously dictate the line duty—it would impel to action—a generous support of the mission, actuated by the conviction that they were “fellow-workers with God,” would be the characteristic of all our churches.

If one sinner is turned from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, it cannot be said that the result is disproportioned to the means employed, for in the sight of God, and in the sight of his people, one soul is more valuable than the wealth of the whole world. Our success may not be equal to our hopes; but let us remember, it is not on account of any deficiency in the ultimate agency. “The Lord's hand is not shortened.” He may, for the wisest purposes—purposes inscrutable by us—restrain its power, yet the promises of a copious outpouring of his Spirit, and a plentiful ingathering of the fruits of righteousness, should encourage to persevering exertion. The earnest of his favour, which God from time to time bestows, are so many testimonies that the work is his own, and that he will carry it forward to perfection.

All which is submitted,

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