

In a former chapter it was observed that the Mission on the Pacific Coast completes the zone of Missions with which the Church Missionary Society has now encircled the world; from Japan, in the extreme east, to the Pacific Ocean on the west, the joyful sound of the Gospel has reached. "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." And in this fulfilment of our Lord's words, the loving disciple of the Master cannot fail to find a powerful incentive to increased exertion.

Have we received the Gospel into our hearts? have we felt the blessedness of guilt removed? of fear swallowed up in love? Is God our reconciled Father in Christ? Does the peace of God which passeth understanding dwell in our hearts? Is the Holy Spirit our Abiding Comforter, the Sanctifier of our hearts? Do we look for an abundant entrance into the many mansions prepared for believers, when death shall summon us hence? Do we look for a glorious resurrection, when the body, clothed in immortal beauty, shall be reunited with the seraphic spirit? Do we hope to share the eternal and blissful communion of the redeemed? Do we long to behold the Saviour in the unveiled Majesty of His person, and think with eager and earnest expectation on the bliss of yielding to Him a sinless service throughout the countless ages of eternity? And can we, knowing that the time is short, slumber on the battle-field? "Let us not sleep as do others." Unseen powers are marshalling their array; already the conflict has begun, which shall end in the glorious triumph of the Redeemer.

And blessed are they who, fighting under His banner, shall