

on your minds a deep impression of the weight and importance of this christian duty. We think you cannot remain guiltless before God, if you neglect to contribute toward the spread of the Gospel. If you are bound to love your neighbour as yourself;—if the pure and benevolent Religion taught you by the Saviour, requires you to consider the lost and wretched of Adam's race; if there be thousands in Christian countries destitute of the means of grace, and millions lying in the darkness of pagan idolatry, exposed to perish forever in their sins, we know not how you can maintain a conscience void of offence, if you neglect this obvious duty which we have now endeavoured to urge. How painful would be your reflections on a dying pillow if you should live only to gratify pride, to increase your wealth, or to aggrandize your family. Would you with such reflections on your mind be prepared to hear the midnight cry—"Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." "Whatsoever then thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

God hath conferred a special honor on mankind by allowing them to bear a part in the great work of reforming the world. They are permitted to become co-workers with him in his designs of mercy: and he hath promised to be with them always even to the end of the world: and that his word shall not return void but accomplish the work for which it is sent. Your benevolence may aid a Minister to go forth through our province to preach the Gospel amongst the ignorant, who may hear the word of life, and be saved from the wrath to come. Your benevolence may send across the mighty ocean, a Herald of peace, to publish salvation in foreign climes, who shall point idolaters to the Lamb of God, "that taketh away the sin of the world." Your benevolence may be the means of preserving alive and of training up for glory, some poor Burman children, who without your aid might be cast out to die. With such a prospect of usefulness, you will not fail to cast your mite into the treasury of the Lord.

Dear Brethren, would it not be a source of real happiness on a dying pillow to reflect on a life of usefulness? Would it not brighten your entrance into the gloomy vale of death, to have a firm hope that you had been instrumental in leading benighted souls to the Saviour? "Know you not brethren, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, will save a soul from death, and will hide a multitude of sins. Would not benevolence from proper motives increase your felicity in another world, while you behold around the throne of God those happy spirits who, by your liberality, shall have been directed to Christ Jesus? Would not the blessing of those ready to perish come upon you? Has not God said—"They who are wise shall shine as the sun in the firmament, and they who turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever?" How would they hail you as the blessed of the Lord, by whose benevolent acts they were afforded religious instruction.