

vidence with which the children of men are visited. Do not the scriptures represent God as the lawful proprietor of all things? and men are indebted to him for all the blessings enjoyed in this life. How, then, can men expect prosperity in any occupation or enterprise while pursuing a course of action in direct opposition to the dictates of conscience and the plainest requisitions of the Bible. Will not such wickedness, so far from securing the Divine blessing, render the individuals liable to be put out of the stewardship, and the goods with which they are intrusted, given to others who shall be more faithful.

If parents store up wealth for their children by withholding from the cause of God what it justly demands, a curse will be bound up in such treasure, which will be entailed upon their offspring, perhaps, during time and eternity. If, then, we desire to obtain the favour of God ourselves, and be a blessing to others, both here and hereafter, let us seek after that holy and scriptural piety which manifests itself in Christian liberality.

The present state of the world calls, in a voice that cannot be silenced nor misunderstood, for benevolent exertions for its salvation, by all those who love the Saviour and the souls of men. To whatever part of the inhabited world we turn our attention, inviting fields for Christian enterprise and liberality present themselves. The word of God and the heralds of salvation are now having free access to thousands of the human race, who, not long since, raised an almost insurmountable barrier against all approaches of the Gospel. We cannot help observing the hand of the Sovereign of worlds in the vicissitudes through which some of the nations of the earth have recently passed and others are now passing. God is shaking to the very centre those kingdoms which stand opposed to the progress of his Gospel; and preparing them for the reception of truth. Can we turn away with indifference from those doors, opened by the providence of God, for the introduction of his soul-saving truth? Can we shut our ears to the cry of those who are perishing for spiritual instruction? coming, as it does, from every quarter,—from the nominally christian, and from the heathen,—from home and from foreign lands. If we do become deaf to such appeals, the curse anciently pronounced upon Meroz, will most assuredly fall upon us. Many persons who profess to love the Saviour, and who are worth, not only hundreds, but in some cases thousands, tell us that such is the pecuniary depression under which the Province now labours, that they have nothing to contribute to the cause of God. Let such persons know that one of the principal sins for which God is now visiting the earth in judgment, is withholding more than is meet; it has tended to poverty already, and will continue increasingly to do so until the sin be repented of. Dear brethren, let us seek for a clearer knowledge of the requisitions of the Bible, that our hearts may become more deeply imbued with the spirit of Christ. Then shall we hail with pleasure every opportunity of giving a fresh demonstration of our love to God and the souls of men.