

To the Mayflower.

Emblem of Scotia! O beautiful flower,
Lovely art thou in thy fair sylvan bowers,
Blowing so sweetly amid the cold snow,
Cheering our path while we journey below.

Making us long to be faithful and pure,
And sorrow and trials with patience endure,
Soothing the weary and overwrought brain,
Making less cruel some deeply wrought pain.

Making us wish when we gaze upon thee,
Ever as free from all evil to be,
Free from all bitterness though friends may slight
And treat our fond love as some worthless mite.

Ah! yes, my own little innocent gem,
Though we could suffer with gladness for them,
They hardly know of and they do not care
For the sad heart-aches they cause us to bear.

Thou dost not speak of the trials of life,
Of this strange world with its tumult and strife,
Of the great passions that torture the soul,
And o'er the spirit like the mighty waves roll.

But pure and fresh from the fragrant green sod,
Thou speakest only of mercy and God,
Of lovely Eden where all was so fair,
Ere sin's death-laden breath created despair.

Wee flower, we prize thee as Spring's fairest child,
And watch for thy coming as zephyrs grow mild;
Teach us sweet lessons of virtue and love
And whisper glad tidings of mausions above.

Yes, Scotia's emblem, we welcome thee back,
Summer and singing birds come in your track;
Others may think there are flowers thy peer,
But to the Scotian's heart thou art most dear.

—REV WINTON.

The Regions Beyond or Mission Notes.



HE wide, wide world, is the harvest-field for christian activity. Our Master, Jesus, has a strong claim upon our best service. Let the motto be, more work, and better work, for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. How can I serve my God and do good to all men? is a question of serious import and worthy of consideration. Every awakened man needs to watch and pray, and cry, Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do? Every christian has some ability to contribute in cash or kind to the success of the great work of evangelizing the world for Christ. To give our share to the success of the church, both love and duty demand. Nothing but a full and unreserved dedication of all our powers to God, can meet the commands and demands of the Book of Life, which is the order book of the church, the rule of action to every true christian. Our first duty is to accept the Gospel ourselves, and then to present the unspeakable gift to the whole race of men. We have, all of us, our several spheres, in which we can labour for the Master. The kingdom of light of truth, has its origin above—God in Christ ruling the hearts of men, after having made them willing in the day of their strength. To every christian, his own heart is the central point of this Divine kingdom. Hence must shine forth the light, entering the hearts of others, thus realizing the Master's description, "Ye are the light of the world." Hence must go forth the truth to satisfy those who are perishing for lack

of it. Would it not be well to take a general view of our position, and work as members of Christ's Church? We are called and ordained to evangelize the world, and we must recognize our responsibility. Let us do our part as the true salvation army to bring the inhabitants of this world into allegiance to the Son of God. Remember the kingdom of Jesus Christ is not one to come, but one coming. Christianity is in the world, not by permission, but by the appointment of God. The kingdom of darkness, the government of evil, exists by the sufferance alone.

There is a loud call for self-denying benevolence. If we hug our wealth we shall find it true. No man ever put his trust in riches, but found them playing him false. Can it be that the liberality of the churches falls short of their zeal? Is not the generosity of those who have money equal to the self-sacrifice of men in giving themselves to the work? Let us imitate the zeal of those who count not their lives dear. We give the last words of one of our missionary brethren who just passed away in the very commencement of his life's services in Africa. God grant that his last word as told by his friend and fellow-missionary, Mr. Comber, may stir our faith and move our hearts to pray God bless the workers, and send more laborers Mr Comber writes:

"I said to him, 'Maynard, my dear fellow, you are going home.' He said calmly, 'It is well.' I asked him if there were any special messages he would like to leave, and he left several," such as: "Tell the boys and girls of the Orphanage (Mr. Spurgeon's) to seek Jesus," "Tell my two brothers to decide for Jesus. 'Dr. Swallow and his family, and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon, I do love them—how I do love them.' 'Tell the students to preach Christ and Christ only.' 'O, precious Jesus!' 'Oh, so happy!' 'May the Congo speedily be filled with the love of God.' We asked him, 'Maynard, are you sorry you came to the Congo?' 'Oh no,' he replied, 'very thankful.' My work's soon done, isn't it? There are many more of our men who will soon come.' 'For Jesus' sake.' 'I'll soon be home! I'll soon be home!' 'Work on, brethren; don't let the loss of your men hinder you. Never give up—hope always. O Jesus! soon be at home. This is the valley; I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. 'Twill soon be over. Tell all our boys to seek the Saviour. Good-bye! I'll look for you; I'll wait for you. Faith can firmly trust him, come what may. Brethren, brethren, be of good cheer. Rock of Ages cleft for me!"

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