

*thy name give glory."* The whole history of this great work presents no more striking incident than the assembling of the sailors and craftsmen on the rocky shores of Newfoundland to lift up their hearts in thankful praise to God for his manifest blessing on their labours. "I hope," says Capt. Hudson, "the day will never come when in all our works we shall refuse to *acknowledge* the overruling hand of a Divine and Almighty power. . . . On a solemn occasion like the present we should feel more particularly our indebtedness to Him, and it is with a feeling of heartfelt gratitude we should *acknowledge* the many favours which He has bestowed upon us. There are none here, I am sure, whose hearts are not overflowing with feelings of the liveliest gratitude to Him in view of the great work which has been accomplished through his permission. . . . We have been peculiarly favoured in being permitted to be his agents, and we are pleased to *acknowledge* that it was through His instrumentality the work was performed." These are true Christian sentiments and cannot but be most pleasing to every devout worshipper of God. His hand has thus been *acknowledged* and His blessing invoked. The Cable has been laid in prayer and perfected in thanksgiving and praise. We only trust that no profane hand will make it the channel of falsehood or malice, or use it in any way for desecrating the Sabbath of the Lord. Of this work we can say, that, so far, it yields the highest praise to the Creator. His perfections are in it both known and acknowledged—*His works do praise Him and His Saints do bless His name.*

Our second point is :—

II. That every new discovery of God's glory in His works is both a new source of praise to Him and a new benefit to mankind.

We find by actual experience that whatever glorifies God effects a corresponding benefit to mankind. The angels, whose songs are true, associate these two things together,—"*Glory to God in the highest,*" with "*peace on earth, and good will among men.*" The peace and good will are inseparably interlaced with the glory. Wherever the glory is found the peace and good will shines from it as a blaze of light. Hence it is that righteousness exalteth while sin debaseth a people. The greater, the truer, and the purer the glory, so much more also will be the grace and blessing.

This is true in point of fact. When, for instance, mankind supposed the world to be an extended plain, at the ends of which there yawned an awful gulf, black and unfathomable, they confined their migrations within narrow compass, and would fain have dwelt in great clustering cities on the level plains. A better knowledge of the physical formation of the earth having dawned, there arose a thirst for travel and adventure, the result of which has been an immense increase of human greatness and enlargement of human dominion. So also the discovery of this great continent by the European nations, while it has enlarged our knowledge of the Creator's works, has also given a wonderful impetus to human progress.

Again, before it was known that gold lay imbedded in the sands and rocks of Western America and of the Australian Islands, how comparatively useless were these regions of the earth to man? but as soon as these treasures of God were discovered, see the marvellous benefits which at once, as if by magic, accrue to man!

Again, before the expansive force of water, heated to a given temperature, was known, the potent virtues of steam excited no admiration, and no praise; but so soon as this is discovered, by the providence of God guiding the genius of man, see what miracles it works among the nations!—what benefits and blessings follow on its path!

Again, look at electricity. It has long been known to some extent. Curious chemists have long been wont to work mysterious and wonderful experiments by its agency. It was also known to be the agent in the loud thunder and the