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Mr. Moderator, Christian brethren, and friends, the subject of address appointed me this evening is "The duty of every believer to cultivate and display a Missionary spirit."

"*Missionary Spirit.*" Missions have for their object the extension of the knowledge of the salvation of the gospel throughout the world;—for their ultimate end the peopling of heaven with souls ransomed by the blood of Christ. A "Missionary spirit," we apprehend then, is a prevailing disposition of mind and heart towards the advancement of this object, and the accomplishment of this end.

To "*Cultivate*" this Missionary spirit, is to take such a deep interest in the importance, the progress, and success of Missionary work, as that this disposition shall be improved, strengthened, and so developed as to influence its subject in character and in conduct.

To "*Display*" this Missionary spirit thus cultivated is to give it embodiment. The spirit or disposition cannot be seen;—cultivate it as one may, it passes not beyond its subject;—it does not benefit others;—it does not influence others. Without this embodiment it is of no use whatever beyond the little isolated circle of *self*; and confined here, it will become stunted and gnarled in its growth;—thus smothered it will soon languish and die.

This Missionary spirit will find an embodiment in various ways, and in differing degrees according to the talents, the circumstances, the means, and other dispositions of the individual. There is one way in which if genuine it will always display, or embody itself, and that is earnest believing prayer for the prosperity of mission enterprise. Then, 2nd,