

tention to the condition of the sunken masses around him, and inaugurated a work which is going forward with accelerated speed till this day. He himself, like a mighty swimmer, plunged into the great sea of moral degradation, explored it in all its dark depths, and rescued many a precious soul from the destroyer. He set many earnest men and women to labour for souls, gathering in the lost into day-schools, Sabbath schools, and mission churches. Elders, Sabbath-school teachers, volunteers of all classes and every variety of talent, were enlisted in the work, and welded together as an army doing battle under a skilled leader who was sure to lead them to victory.— Addressing these labourers on one occasion, Dr. Chalmers said what we hope will be taken to heart in our day and in this country: "There never will be a general revival of religion until Christians at home go forth among the heathen families around them with the same enthusiasm that they expect from missionaries who go abroad." He commends to them the motto of Elliot, "*Prayers and pains, with the blessing of God, will accomplish anything.*"

In his visitations of the poor, he often overtook from 700 to 800 in one week! The amount of toil implied in such a statement can be realized by those alone who have attempted similar work. It did not satisfy him that vast multitudes crowded to hear him on the Lord's Day, listening with rapt admiration to eloquence such as was nowhere else to be heard. Those who needed the gospel most were least likely to come to hear it. So the pastor became evangelist and city missionary, and mingled with the poorest of the poor, with multitudes who had never heard the gospel, or had carelessly forgotten it and its ordinances, and were sinking into the mire of practical infidelity and heathenism; and these he gathered into school-houses, factories, kitchens, and wherever he could find room, and told them the story of a Saviour's love. Mr. Collins, his right hand man, declares that no bursts of oratory which rolled over admiring thousands in St. John's Church, or in the Tron Church, equalled in all the highest qualities of excellence, many of the addresses deliver-

ed to those untutored audiences in out-of-the-way places.

The systematic visitation of rich and poor he regarded as the best introduction to ministerial labour. "This," said he, "is what I call preaching the gospel to every creature; and that cannot be done by setting yourself in the pulpit as a centre of attraction, but by going forth and making aggressive movements upon the community, and by preaching from house to house."

Ever since his conversion his life-aim was to bring the Gospel to bear upon the whole people from the highest to the lowest. Hence his "Church Extension" and "Territorial Mission" enterprises. To quote his own words: "The dearest objects of my earthly existence is the elevation of the common people, humanized by Christianity, and raised by the strength of their moral habits to a higher platform of human nature; and by which they may attain and enjoy the rank and consideration due to enlightened and companionable men. The imperishable soul of the poor man is of as much price in the sight of Heaven as the soul of the rich; and I will resist to the uttermost, I will resist even unto death that alienation which goes to swell the luxury of the higher ranks at the expense of the Christianity of the lower orders.

Space will not permit us to enter into detail as to Dr. Chalmers's magnificent success in the work of Church extension, of "home missions;" the manner in which the wealthy all over the land were induced to give with unprecedented liberality, and the blessing which evidently crowned his efforts. Scotland and many other countries have reaped unspeakable benefit from his wise and large hearted plans. His example told far and wide even during his life, and it stands out boldly before us now as what we have to imitate, and adapt to our own circumstances. He had full faith in the power of the Gospel and of the Gospel alone, to reform the corrupt, raise the fallen, enlighten those who are sunk in brutish ignorance, and secure the greatest happiness and prosperity of the whole people. He was an ardent educationist, an enlightened and liberal politician, a man of very high