

that be that are ordained of God." If they are Christian powers, having all the sacred sanctions of that august and venerable name, they will be still dearer to him; they will not be mere cold political abstractions, but "bone of his bone," "flesh of his flesh,"—they will be objects of his Christian love.

And such is the Christian empire to which we belong. Such may it ever be. May it be our hope, too, that it may ever be distinguished among the nations as a *Christian power*, one that will, before all things, order its affairs according to the eternal principles of right and justice; that it will never be ashamed to correct public wrongs; that it will never be led by lust of conquest, or desire to aggrandize itself, to forget that "righteousness exalteth a nation." Perish all national vainglory that would forget this, or pursue a path of ambition without reference to the eternal government of God! He it is that putteth down and lifteth up; and any power that is raised up in opposition to His immutable laws for the government of mankind, can only be that it may be cast down, sooner or later, with the tokens and brands of Divine reprobation. May we be preserved from this, whatever may befall us. May we never be tempted by worldly ambition to forsake the path of rectitude and honour. Temptations are constantly placed before the people of this land to sacrifice all else to an idol called *commercial prosperity*, as if there were no good in the world worth the desire of nations or of men but worldly prosperity,—amassing wealth or acquiring property; or, as if there were no evil, save the lack of these. Let us not think in so material a fashion. Let us not be such slaves to the world. Let us not unduly exalt the world. Come affliction, come trial, come adversity, come humiliation,—come what will, and let it all be taken thankfully as a blessing, rather than the heart should grow proud, and rebel against the Divine government, or cease to acknowledge our dependence upon God!

Every thoughtful man should now give due consideration to the relation in which we now stand to the nations of the world,