

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT IN THE PSALMS.

THE missionary spirit is not of mere recent origin. The Psalmist, nearly 3,000 years ago, influenced and inspired by the Spirit of the God of missions, gave utterance to a most earnestly prayerful and ardently hopeful missionary spirit.

Let us read some of the glowing utterances that we may catch some of his missionary enthusiasm.

1st. His *desire* for the extension of God's kingdom, or, that God might be known and praised and served, and that Christ's kingdom might be established throughout the world.

Ps. 67 : 1. God be merciful unto us, and bless us ; 2. that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. 3. Let the people praise Thee, O God ; let all the people praise Thee. 4. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy ; for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. 96 : 1. O sing unto the Lord a new song ; sing unto the Lord all the earth. 3. Declare His glory among the heathen (nations Rev. Ver.), His wonders among all people. 7. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. 8. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name ; bring an offering and come into His courts. 9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness ; fear before Him all the earth. 10. Say among the nations that the Lord reigneth. 100 : 1. Make a joyful noise unto God all ye lands ; 2. serve the Lord with gladness. 107 : 8, 15, 21, etc. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Ps. 67 : 5. Let the people praise Thee, O God ; let all the people praise Thee. 72 : 19. Let the whole earth be filled with His glory ; Amen, and Amen ; 20. The prayers of David, the son of Jesse are ended.

2nd. His confident *expectation* and *hope*, Ps. 22 : 27. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord. 28. For the kingdom is the Lord's ; and He is the governor among the nations. 63 : 3. Say unto God, How terrible are Thy works (Rev. Ver.) Through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee. 4. All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee ; they shall sing unto Thy name. 66 : 31. Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her

hands unto God. 72 : 8. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth. 9. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him, and His enemies shall lick the dust. 10. The kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring presents ; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. 11. Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him ; all nations shall call Him blessed. 86 : 9. All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord ; and shall glorify Thy name.

When Dr. Judson was asked by a discouraged home Board what were the prospects of the mission in India, his answer was, "Bright as the promises of God's Word."

As Dr. A. T. Pierson, editor of *The Missionary Review* says, in substance, The greatest means of inspiring interest and confidence in Foreign Missions is the study of the Scriptures.

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FACIAL EFFECTS OF CHARACTER.

A True Story (and a Moral.)

The lady sat with her native class, Teaching them what a miracle was :—
"And you," she suddenly said with a smile,
"Yourselves are a miracle. Think a while :
If your grandsires came to the land again
And instead of the faces they looked on then,
Saw you, happy and somewhat wise,
Hope on your foreheads, love in your eyes,
Would they own you for kin of theirs,
Dark with cruelties, shames, despairs ?
What is the power that has lifted you so ?"
"We see it !" they murmured. "Yes, we know."

The lady herself (who told me the tale)
Added, "Far over hill and dale,
As we enter the hamlets on our way,
There is no need of a friend to say,
'Here they are Christians ; two or three,
Looked on at random, the first we see,
Make us aware of our brothers : grace
Kindles a light on the dusky face—
Wicked and gloomy the others were ;
These are peaceable, kindly, fair,
Hopeful, innocent, strong and free—
The change is a miracle plain to see."

In speaking of the effect of Christianity, on the countenances of heathen converts, Dr. A. B. Cook, medical missionary in Uganda, says, "Their faces seem positively plastic under the influences of Christianity. The dull unintelligent look that so many