

to promote will eventually triumph. The ways of God, will, ere long, be known throughout the earth, his saving health among all nations. For, from the rising of the sun, even to the going down of the same, my Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and, in every place, incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering; for my name shall be great among the Heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Already, as we may venture to hope, has an impulse been given, which shall not be destroyed till it has reached the farthest nations of the globe. Amidst all the conflicts and disappointments of the world, Divine Providence is still steadily accomplishing its plans of mercy and benevolence; and, in due season, they shall all be fulfilled. In expressing our gratitude for having been permitted to see the progressive advancement of the kingdom of Christ in our own days, and to share in the privilege of making known more extensively the glad tidings of Salvation, let us recognize our duty, and zealously discharge it. Let the death of those that have toiled in the service, stimulate the industry of them that survive; let every event of this kind be felt as a call to increased energy and activity in all good works; but when this world of strife and perturbations shall close upon us, we too may die in the Lord: and, finally, with all His faithful people, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in his eternal and everlasting glory.

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MORAVIAN MISSION AMONG THE CALMUCS.

The following paragraph is circulating through the newspapers:

"The Emperor Alexander, who was so zealous a patron of missions a few years ago, has shut the mouths

of the Moravian missions at Sarepta. He has refused them the liberty to baptize or convert the heathen Calmucs, and has reduced them to mere distributors of Bibles—even one word in the way of commentary being forbidden. The prohibition extends to all Protestant missions in Russia."

Of the authority of this statement we know nothing. The very meaning of the interdict, without further explanation, is scarcely intelligible. We have had in our possession for several weeks, an exceedingly interesting narrative of the first success of the Moravian Missionaries, in the conversion of the Calmuc Tartars to Christianity, and introduced them to settled and civilized habits of life.—The whole document is very curious, and forms, it may be said, an entire new chapter in the History of Man. We have hitherto hesitated to give it; as religious information, however important, is not generally acceptable through the medium of a newspaper; this, however, having assumed a political aspect, the following brief abstract will not be deemed out of place here, since, if there be any truth in the above quoted paragraph, it is probable this very circumstance has alarmed the powers of darkness, and caused the deceiver of the nations, to use all his craft to blind the eyes and pervert the mind of the Emperor Alexander on this occasion.

"More than seventy years ago, a mission was begun by the Moravian Brethren among the Calmuc Tartars, which, after a short trial, was necessarily abandoned. Failing in the direct attempt to plant the Gospel among these fierce and restless barbarians, in the year 1765 a colony was established on the banks of the Wolga, to which various families and individuals from German congregations emigrated, and the place which they called Sarepta, is now one of the most considerable of the Breth-