

## CHAPTER XI.

### *MISSIONARY SUPPORT.*

If missions and missionaries are to do their work aright, they must be adequately supported. If they make a country safe to live in and do business in, then even the business world, on that ground, ought to support them. But the obligation resting on all professing Christians to support mission work is infinitely greater than that merely utilitarian view indicates. Christians are not their own; they are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ. They own what they have in a sense as against men, but they own nothing as against God. God owns them and all they have if they are Christians. Christians are not really owners; they are stewards and trustees of what they possess, and as such it is their bounden duty to expend it in the way that, in their enlightened and prayerful judgment, will conduce most to the glory of God and the extension of His Kingdom. They are entitled to what is necessary for themselves and their families, that they may have enough to enable them to do their work in