

phet of Israel does not even pay to the Syrian noble the common courtesy of personally prescribing for him. Naaman turned and went away in a rage. Wounded pride and disappointment filled his heart. Was this to be the end of so much preparation, and such hopeful expectation. He would again return to Syria, where, if he still must carry about with him his loathsome disease, he at least will be safe from insult, and will be treated with the respect due to his rank and station. It was at the suggestion of a servant the journey was undertaken, and but for the entreaties of a servant the object had never been accomplished. Well and wisely did the servant reason. "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it. How much rather then when he saith to thee wash and be clean."

There must have been much that was kind and amiable in the character of Naaman thus to endear him to his servants, and give them such a tender interest in his welfare. If he had afforded to them a protection almost fraternal, he now reaped the benefit in their filial regard.

Wrath soon gave place to reason, and anger to cool reflection. "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

Are not Abana and Pharpar better than all the waters of Israel? was his exclamation in the heat of irritation. What healing virtue can dwell in the waters of Jordan that they do not possess? And yet, when yielding to better guidance, he followed the simple direction he had received, no sooner had he dipped seven times beneath Jordan's wave, than lo! a sudden and delightful change comes over him. The blood once more flows freely and healthfully through the veins, the skin formerly dry and scaly, becomes moist and soft, the whole aspect is changed—the snowy whiteness of the diseased flesh has given place to the fresh glow of returning health—the leper is cleansed.

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## Irish Society.

We have had frequent occasions to notice the above effort on the part of British Christians, to instruct their neighbors in Ireland in the truths of the Bible. It is cheering to see that their efforts have been crowned with so much success; but like all other societies for similar purposes, they have had to labor under great disadvantages for want of funds. With the view of doing our share to remove this cause of hindrance to their success, we have taken frequent notice of this society and its work in the *Record*, and we are glad to say that the appeals made in the pages of the *Record* have not been without success. Our attention has again been called to the subject, by a communication from the Secretary of the Edinburgh Committee, enclosing the report of the Committee for the past year, and acknowledging, in the following terms, what has been done in Canada:—

8, Scotland street, Edinburgh,  
January 17, 1851.

SIR,—I beg in the name of the Ladies' Association, for the relief of the Irish children attending Scriptural schools, to offer, through you, our grateful thanks for the contribution of £18 9s 2d sterling, kindly sent from Montreal and elsewhere. We feel assured that the information contained in the accompanying documents will be felt to be the most acceptable thanks, as exhibiting the many blessed results attained by this means of dispensing charity. There is in Montreal a depot of the Industrial Society of Dublin, which, however, it is feared, from the little encouragement hitherto given, must be relinquished. The heavy expense incurred for freight and insurance, oblige the articles to be paid considerably higher than in this country; but it would tend much to help forward the various schemes for moral and social improvement, were this depot of Irish manufactures to receive a share of the public patronage and liberality. I cannot, at this moment, give the name of this establishment, but shall ascertain it, in the hope that you may have some opportunity of recommending it to your readers and others.

I remain Sir, your obedient servant,

HELEN CAMPBELL, Sec.

Our limited space will not permit lengthened extracts from this very interesting and satisfactory report, not even enough we fear to do it justice; but our readers may rest assured that their contributions have been faithfully applied to the important work indicated by