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would willingly escape, but our home concerning them is good. 'Of such is the kingdom of heav'n.' They are as they were when Jesus was on earth the objects of his special care and tender love. And as by Adam all die, so by Christ shall all be made alive. The children long held in death's captivity shall come again from the land of the enemy they shall come again to their own border and enter with joy the kingdom of our God. The patient toil of the wearied mother is not in vain. Her anxiety and travail her days of weariness and nights of watching her agonies and tears and prayers are not in vain. The end of all her arduous labor is not a heap of dust in a dark sepulchre—her work shall be rewarded and the children shall come again from the land of the enemy death which shall be destroyed when our Lord Jesus Christ shall come in glory from the skies.

All that are in the graves shall hear his voice and come forth the dead small and great, shall 'stand before God;' and as of old, the children cried hosanna in the temple in the presence of their King;—as out of the mouth of babes and sucklings God perfected praise;—as he has kept his choicest revelations from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes; so in that day we may look to see our little ones receive their portion of joy and blessing in that better world, among the redeemed and glorified of God.

Beloved of the Lord, be of good comfort in your sorrow; rejoice even in loneliness and tears; and look forward from this land of temptations, and clouds, and afflictions, to that better country where 'the inhabitants shall not say I am sick, and the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity,' and where God, the children's friend, the mourner's comforter shall call his disciples who have become 'as little children,' to enter in and enjoy the kingdom which he has prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

MISSIONS.—There are at present seventy large and small Missionary Societies in America and Europe in connection with the Protestant Church. The sums raised and expended by those Societies average annually between £1,000,000 and £1,200,000, besides the native pastors, catechists and teachers, these Societies have in foreign fields 2400 male ordained missionaries. A very important and influential part of the missionary force is not given.

The Polynesian Islands are almost wholly christianized. There are in these Islands 350,000 native christians who have their own well organized churches that support themselves; they have their own pastors and teachers, and even sustain Foreign Missionary Societies among themselves that send missionaries of their own to other heathen countries. In India and Ceylon there are at present 400,000 who have been converted from heathenism; in China, 40,000; in Madagascar, 233,000; in South and West Africa, 200,000. If we add to these 330,000 Christian Negroes in Surinam and the West Indies and 50,000 converted Indians and Esquimaux in North America, Canada, Labrador and Greenland, we have a total of 1,650,000 Christians converted from heathenism. The result is not only so many additions to the Christian Church, but they are changed in heart and life, their social relations are improved, many barbarous customs are abolished,