

Psa. He will also, thus, be lead to study attentively God's Providence, and to trust in his most minute superintending care. Thus, he will not simply, in theory, but practically and experimentally believe such promises as those of our Saviour in Matt. vi. 31, 34: x. 29, 31. 38, 89. No one can tell, or conceive of the heartfelt satisfaction, peace, pleasure, and comfort which will arise from such a belief, but those who have tasted them.

Finally, the missionary, on account of his separation from friends—many trials, privations, separation from every thing that is morally pleasing, and situated amidst every species of the most disgusting and loathsome licentiousness and vileness, will be enabled to form much more accurate and enlarged conceptions of the self-denial, self-sacrifices and sufferings of the Saviour in purchasing the blessings of salvation. We are so constituted, that we cannot fully conceive of the nature of the sufferings &c of another, unless we experience them ourselves. Still farther, we are so constituted, that we cannot love, deeply and ardently, without a consciousness of reason for so doing. These considerations bring me to the conclusion, that the missionary—if properly qualified for his work—will have deeper and more ardent love for the Saviour, than it is possible for the individual who remains at home, to possess. Hence, the language of the Psalmist, will ever be, emphatically, the language of the missionary: "Whom have I in heaven but thee; and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee." He will ever feel, that "it is good for me to draw near to God;" and drawing near in such love he will be enabled to add, "I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy work:" and also to take "joyfully of the spoiling of his goods."

I have thus stated, what I conceive to be the more important qualification of a missionary, with some reasons, why, he should be thus fitted for the work, the whole of which, I conceive to be briefly and beautifully summed up in two short verses, in Psa. li. 12, 13.

In conclusion, O Lord God, Direct thy weak and erring servant, as to what work thou wouldst have him employed in—teach him *what* preparation thou wouldst have him make for entering upon that work—direct and aid him in all his endeavours to make such preparation—give him a meek and lowly disposition—a heart full of love to thee and delight in thy service—the various duties of this life, may he discharge thro' Christ strengthening him—may the Church receive largely of the effusions of the Spirit—feel, in all its import, her duty to evangelize the world—to pray for its speedy accomplishment, and for those engaged in this service—and may her heralds of the cross, in foreign lands, realize the fulfilment of the blessed promise: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."