

of the evangelical spirit of the church of the nineteenth century. Is it possible that we can imagine that we are faithful to the responsible charge committed to the church by its Great Head, while we are making so little self-sacrifice, and exhibiting so little interest in the Christianising of the world? How long shall our prayers continue to be so *few* and so *cool*?—How long shall we continue to put forth, only that amount of missionary effort, and make only that amount of self-denial, which indicate to the reflecting mind that we are asking ourselves how *little* we can do and not subject ourselves to the censure of the world.

This leads me to remark in the next place, that the *fewness* of the numbers upon whom the duty of evangelizing the world rests, is another powerful reason why we should largely increase our efforts to accomplish this end. The most authentic estimate of the population of our globe, computes it at *one thousand millions* of human beings. From recent statements of missionaries respecting the population of the different countries in which they reside, there is strong reason to conclude that the number of inhabitants of our earth largely exceed this estimate. How painful the contrast between the *professed* followers of Christ and the servants of *Satan*. About *six hundred millions* are heathen, *one hundred millions* Mohammedans, *six millions* Jews, and the remaining three hundred millions, to distinguish them from the above, are *called* Christians. Of this latter class *two hundred millions* are Romanists, and *fifty millions* belong to the Greek church, "either of which class can be considered as Christians only in name." Thus, when all deductions are made, only *seventy millions* fall under the designation Protestant, "which includes many sects and classes, in whom it is found exists but little of vital godliness." It was a calculation of Dr Samuel Miller, "that only about one-third of the Protestant population had the gospel preached unto them in any thing like its true purity." "Only *one half* of that part called evangelical were even *professors* of religion, in any distinct or intelligent import of the terms." According to this estimate there are only about *twelve millions* who make any *intelligent* profession of religion. What an appalling spectacle! Only about twelve millions of professors of piety, while there are "*six hundred millions* of human beings, lying in the cold, dark, death-damps of heathenism, and soon to go down to the *darker chambers of death*,—*two hundred millions* blindly adhering to a most fatal system, where science and ignorance, refinement and barbarism, wisdom and stupidity, taste and animalism, mistaken zeal and malignant enmity, may sanctimoniously pour out virulence against the gospel, and cry, Hosannah, while they go forth to shed blood, and to wear out the patience of the saints,—and *one hundred millions* deluded by the fell imposture, that lifts up the crescent where stood the cross, and sheds its blight upon the once fairest and most favored portions of our earth,—and *millions* of others, who have the *form* of godliness, but are wholly destitute of its *power*!" If Jesus, when he beheld Jerusalem, and reflected on the appalling overthrow which was soon to overtake her on account of her having so long provoked the just judgment of heaven by her sins, "wept over it," should not this view of the religious condition of our earth fill our hearts with deep, poignant grief, and cause tears of compassion to flow down our cheeks? Is not this a spectacle equally as pitiful as that over which Jesus wept? Hence, if we allow these facts to pass before our minds without seriously reflecting on them,—if they do not fill our minds with grief, remorse, and shame, that we are so indifferent to the eternal interests of the *perishing*