

destined altar of the universe, whence, in the train of the awful sacrifice from heaven, the humbler offerings of earth's own children have ascended to the highest regions, and filled Him who inhabiteth, their praises with new and endless joy!

From this true, this commanding point of observation, let us, fathers and brethren, ever survey that mission-field which it is our honour to cultivate. "The work is not for man, but for the Lord God." To repair the desolations and banish the horrors on which the eye of Deity cannot look; to open a passage by the ministry of the truth for the return of all tribes and tongues to that true God, who has lavished upon them an infinitude of love, and longs to be blessed in their enjoying of it; to fulfil plans and counsels in which the thank-offerings of the ransomed from among men are anticipated as the last and crowning result of eternal wisdom and Divine sacrifice; this is the aim of Christian missions, and from this our view should never be diverted. This will teach us to dedicate ourselves aright to the work; for how high and awful is it, demanding a personal consecration to the Triune God, such as must absorb all other motives in regard to his glory! This will enable us to set at naught all opposition and ridicule, and hardly even to notice the disdainful attitude of those who look down upon their Maker, and exalt their view of the world's last end above that of its Author! This will impel us to strike right at the heart of the heathen races and nations by their conversion to Christ; for however valuable be the civilizing effect of missions towards men, it is only conversion that awakes the deep responsive chord in the breast of God. This will nurse in us a spirit of prayer and profound humility, since, what are we that the last issues of God's administration should be in our hands, or by what strength of ours can we carry them on to victory? But it will also arm us with invincible courage and indomitable patience, in doing His will in this grand enterprise, and suffering it even unto death! Our watchword is, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Shall not all things be given that are needful for this work sooner than for any other? Here, brethren, let us fix our hopes! He that began the missionary enterprise by the sending of his Son will also end it! Obstructions and delays only augment the gathering impulse! The shades of evil and sin, the clouds of war, and the storms that shake the nations, darken the path, but do not arrest the movement! The dead inertness of earth, and the eager resistance of hell, are alike swept aside! The Gospel marches onward, the guiding pillar of history, the light of hope to present and future ages! "The counsel of the Lord,—that shall stand," and by laws surer than gravitation, since the attracting forces are literally infinite, the world must find its rest at the cross of Christ! That cross cannot always stand alone! The word must prevail, which, though spoken by human lips, is the fiat of Deity—"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me!"

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