

ing his corn for bread, casts it upon the waters, is now richly rewarded by reaping an abundant harvest. So will it be with the man that giveth to the poor, and lendeth unto the Lord. He shall have his reward; and that reward will be something in proportion to his giving. "He that soweth liberally shall also reap liberally," while he that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly." It is thus that "the liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." It has been said that all the rivers that run into the seas, or ocean, return again through the clouds to water the earth. So with the streams of consolation that flow into the human heart. If the Christian, who has been to drink at the boundless ocean of God's redeeming love, can send the "oil of joy and gladness" into the heart that is disconsolate and desolate, or tenderly up-bind the wounds of the afflicted, or pour the healing balm of consolation into the wounded spirit, or relieve the misery and wretchedness of them that are ready to perish, the streams that will thus water, and refresh, and invigorate others shall return again into his bosom. He shall feel his own heart gladdened, his soul enlarged, his talents for doing good increased; and the Spirit of God, bearing witness with his spirit, shall unite His testimony in assuring him, that when Christ cometh to judge the world, and sit on the throne of his glory, "a cup of cold water given to a disciple in the name of a disciple, shall not lose its reward."

In fine it is more God-like, more *heavenly and divine* to give, than to receive. If anything can make this earth resemble heaven, it is Christian charity and love. It is that which, in any measure, makes the church on earth resemble "the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven." It is the Christian charity and love that pervade her members, that assimilate the church of Christ to her exalted Head. And what is it but charity, purity and love that exalts man, or angel into an assimilation to God? God is infinitely glorious in his wisdom, holiness and truth; but these are not the brightest attributes that shine in the Deity. No! the brightest attributes, the most glorious diadems, if we may so speak, that shine in His crown, are his love, mercy and grace. These are the Royal diadems which Moses wished to behold when he prayed, "I beseech thee, show me thy glory." These are the concentrated gems which the apostle John attempts to describe when he tells us that "God is love." These, in short are the perfections of God-head that render heaven resplendent with his glory, and the earth redolent with his praise. The more, therefore, that the Christian's heart overflows with love, mercy and grace to his fellow-men, the more God-like does he become, and the better fitted is he for joining the society of heaven where all is love, and where his cup of blessings will be ever flowing over, and yet ever full.

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Reviews of Books.

THE IMPORTANCE AND USEFULNESS OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS: *An Address delivered, Feb. 27th, 1857, to the Association in London, C. W.*, BY THE REV. ANDREW KENNEDY. Small 12mo., pp. 12. London, 1857.

The Association lately formed in London has the benefit of having the author in connexion with it; and he has favored it with this excellent address which has been published by request. After pointing out, in a number of particulars, the utility of such associations, Mr. K. says:—

"But the usefulness of a Young Men's Christian Association is by no means intended to be confined to the members themselves. It has not only a self-