

the kingdom and cause of Christ in subserviency to the grand motive, the constraining influence of the love of Christ, it is the rapidity with which the gospel is spreading, and taking effect in the great centres of heathenism and in the islands of the sea—the fact that whilst Satan is busy sowing the seeds of infidelity and error in professedly Christian lands, stirred up to all the greater activity, because he knows that his time is short, yet the truth as it is in Jesus is showing itself to be mighty to undermine the hoary systems of idolatry and to convert the rudest savage into the meek and humble follower of Christ, and thus to give an earnest of the speedy coming of the time when the Messiah shall have his kingdom from the rising to the setting sun. The kings and rulers of the earth have taken counsel together against the Lord and his anointed, saying, “Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.” “He that sitteth,” etc. “Yet have I set Him king upon his holy hill of Zion.” And then the certain, infallible promise is added, “Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen,” etc.

3. We argue for the perpetuity of the name of Christ, and for the continuance and increase of his fame, from the means which He hath left and put in operation for the advancement of his cause and kingdom on the earth. The weapons of his warfare are not carnal, but spiritual. The battle of earthly warriors is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood. In this way they generally achieve their conquests. But the government of Christ is first in the hearts and consciences of men, and then over all