

should turn to the Lord, but alas! we know it will not. Even now the dire judgment of God hangs over a guilty race, which has not only rejected and crucified His Son, but also rejects the testimony of His Holy Spirit. Profession is everywhere, how little reality! "Knowing then the terror of the Lord, we persuade men,"—and as He gives us to know from time to time that a soul here and there has been blessed through the simple ministry of this little paper, it is an incentive to continue, although the harvest seems meagre,—yet who can estimate the value of a single soul! none but He who created it and died to redeem it.

But our mission, as our friends may have observed, is not exclusively to arousing the careless and thoughtless; it extends also to the ministry of that which by God's grace may lead quickened souls into liberty and joy. Many are born again who have never known that the One who was delivered for their offences, has been raised for their justification.

It is not to the glory of God nor to the blessing of a soul that its path through the world should be a joyless one. The Lord would have His own always rejoicing; but to rejoice, one must be free, and not in bondage, and "if the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

The encouragement is opportune and thankfully received.