

world; love to my fellow men, therefore I will make it my grand life business, in connection with my own salvation to make him by God's help, partaker of the light, life, and liberty of the Gospel.

Christ is to have "the Heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession." He has it by promise—by the sure decree or covenant of Redemption now; and the Holy Spirit has been sent forth by the Father and the Son on His great mission to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment—and multitudes in many countries, and in all ages have returned, as the result, to their allegiance to their heavenly King. But through what instrumentality has all this been effected? Who carried and proclaimed the glad tidings from man to man—from group to group—from land to land—across deserts over oceans to earth's utmost bounds? To whose care, keeping, stewardship, did God commit this priceless treasure? To holy angels, great in might, swift to do his bidding, glowing with purest ardour to run on mercy's errands? No, not to those holy ones who delight supremely to do His commands did God commit this priceless treasure; but to Christian men and women, weak and helpless in themselves, but strong in the Lord who makes His strength perfect in weakness. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."

Has God our Saviour committed such a treasure to our charge? How great the honour, how deep the responsibility of our position as the stewards of such a trust!

But He has not sent us out on this great, honourable, and responsible work without amply providing us with everything needed for its successful prosecution. He has given us His word containing the most comprehensive and the fullest instructions that our situation can ever need—so perfect and comprehensive that the whole law is contained in one word—Love, and so minute and particular as to descend to the details of every day life, as to the relative duties of servant and master, husband and wife, parent and child, pastor and flock, prince people. Our duty to God and man is there

clearly revealed and beautifully exemplified both in the life of Jesus Christ our exalted Head, and in the lives of many of His most devoted followers.

He has given us also His Spirit to be our quickener and guide—to open our hearts to the reception of the truth of the word and to unfold and apply the truth to our souls.

He has bestowed on us, the christian people of this highly favoured land, many precious outward blessings—means by which we may promote the interest of His kingdom in the world.

He does not ask us to work in His vineyard for nought. On the contrary, He will reward us in "that day" for all that we do for Him, even to the "cup of cold water" which we have given to a thirsty disciple in His name. "Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward."

Why is it—how is it that the New Testament Church has failed so signally in so many countries and in almost all the Christian ages, to fulfil her glorious mission,—to do the work assigned her by her adorable Head, notwithstanding the rich provision He has made for her every requirement? This is a question which should receive the most prayerful and earnest consideration of every Christian man and woman in our land.—When we have discovered the causes of past failure and disaster, we have made the first step in a career of improvement.

STATISTICS.—Every year we have to complain of the incompleteness of our Statistical Returns. Some ministers and congregations neglect the matter; others send Returns that are tantalizingly imperfect. Now there is but little trouble in doing our duty, if we only try. To fill up the Blanks sent to each minister will not involve at the most more than three hours labour. Generally speaking one hour or half an hour will suffice. We beg to suggest that the Blanks be forwarded to ministers as soon as possible in order that they may have ample time to do their part of the work. We observe that in the United Presbyterian