

lemn, frivolity has, almost of necessity, its pause; and the voice of God, unheeded at other times, finds its way to the heart. There is, therefore, an obvious call upon those who watch for times of promoting the spiritual welfare of their fellow men, to improve such seasons as that presented by the prevalence of the Cholera among us. Apart from any such visitation, however, the circumstances of this country are, from various causes, of such a nature as to call for the utmost activity at all times on the part of all who, having the advancement of true religion at heart, have at the same time, within their reach the means of accomplishing an object so desirable. Numerous and urgent are the spiritual necessities of the land where our lot is cast. While we may indulge the hope that something has been done to lessen these—while we may trust that the means, already used, have not been employed without some answerable effects, few except the most spiritually blind will deny that multitudes of our population are perishing for lack of knowledge, or, what amounts to the same thing, under very defective and inadequate views of Divine Truth. There is both folly and wickedness in those who know the Lord attempting to persuade themselves of the contrary; they are guilty of a very flagrant departure from the law of love in laying the flatteringunction to their souls, that all is well around them; for all is not well. It is vain to conceal the melancholy truth. The darkness that prevails is great. The God of the Bible—the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life—this God is with many an UNKNOWN GOD; and their condition, if not their tongue, is crying unto us, in the words of the man of Macedonia, who appeared to the Apostle in a dream, saying, “Come over and help us.” If, therefore, any follower of his Redeemer, who has it in his power to spread abroad the savour of his Master’s name, is standing idle, it is not because there is nothing for him to do in the sacred cause, or because there is no call given him to spend and be spent in its advancement; and if your Committee have accomplished but little, they cannot plead as