

mind, and with a real desire to learn and assimilate more deeply "the things which belong unto peace."

Remember that "the way of man is the vision of God." Remember how Moses "endured as seeing Him who is Invisible." Remember that "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." It is a clearer vision of God, of spiritual realities, and of the meaning and purpose of life that we need. It is only through a clearer understanding of the Person and work and purposes of Christ that we shall ever attain to a clearer vision of the Eternal God and Father of all. Come then to the Mission in the spirit of the prayers:—

"Lord, that I may receive my sight :"

"Sir, we would see Jesus :"

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Once more, remember that "the preparation for the Mission is important, the Mission *more important*; the afterwork **MOST IMPORTANT**." The real work in a Mission is not done by man, nor by sermons and addresses, but by God the Holy Spirit. The great work of the Holy Spirit is to take of the things of Christ and show them unto us; one result of yielding our affections and wills to the guidance of the Spirit of God, will be the realization of the true meaning of our Church life.

Just in so far as we are led to a deeper love for Christ, shall we desire to keep His commandments, and find our true joy and happiness in serving Him, and helping our fellow-creatures for His sake. True love must always include obedience, and our Church life is the expression of our devotion and obedience to Christ. The Spirit of God will show to us our sins of "omission" as well as "commission;" I trust that one outcome of the Mission will be a stronger and deeper Church life in our midst.

Go on praying for the Mission. Go on praying for a blessing upon individual souls. "The prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Go on praying for the Missioners. Say this little prayer constantly:—

"O God, bless our mission in New Zealand. Bless the mission in this Parish. Convert the erring, recover the backsliding, strengthen the weak, deepen the love and obedience of the faithful. For Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN."

Keep the days of the Mission free from engagements and distractions. Give God at least one real opportunity. Spend the time of the Mission quietly and thoughtfully. "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

May God's richest blessings be showered down upon our country and Church in answer to our many prayers!

Believe me,

Your sincere Friend and Bishop,

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