

and illustrating in their lives the power of Divine truth. The hymns of Heber, Wesley and Newton, are now sung, not only in the splendid Churches of Europe and America, but Hindoos and Mohammedans have caught them up on the sunburnt plains of India ; Fiji and New Hebridees Christians have re-echoed them amid the islands of the Pacific, while Mongols in China, and Africans on the shores of the great Nyanza have learned their sweetness, and with glad hearts sing them now afresh into the listening ear of God.

Instead, therefore, of being discouraged, the Church should rejoice, and, gathering confidence from the triumphs of the past, go forth with renewed energy and faith to haste the coming of her Lord. And what if some oppose the work of Foreign Missions, and say, like the spies returned to Kadesh, that difficulties are insuperable, walls too high, and giants too many to expect success ; let us not be depressed, but on the contrary, let us say, "O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them." Let us, like Joshua and Caleb, still the people, infuse a brighter hope and more trustful courage ; remembering that He who has commanded His Church to preach His Gospel to every creature, is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Lastly, the *triumph* of Missions will be forever secured in that glorious hour when God will take the stone which the builders refused and make Him the head of the corner : when type and sign and prophesy shall all be fulfilled, and when Christ shall be the Head, not only of those who to-day constitute the heathen, but sole Lord of all the earth ; the one Crowned King from pole to pole.

The Church here in Canada has done well in the great cause of Foreign evangelization. By means of her Mission Board she has made the dissemination of the Gospel among the heathen part of her very existence and system. Internal development and external progress both demand and receive her constant solicitude and care. The Board, therefore, in appealing now to you seeks to enlist the sympathy and gain the hearty support of all our members in the Divine cause of Missions, dear as it must be to the heart of our risen and ascended Lord. Your constant prayers and pecuniary support are fervently asked for a cause of momentous interest to you all.