

it was not consistent with infinite wisdom or perfect righteousness. But such conduct will not be attributed to the unchangeable Jehovah. To pardon sinners then without satisfaction being made, that is, without an atonement, as has been shown, would not be consistent with Divine justice. But Christ having made an atonement for them, God can be merciful to sinners consistently with divine justice; he is at once a just God and a Saviour! "He," says the prophet, "hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him. "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquities of us all."

This is the doctrine of the atonement; and we must ever bear in mind that it is only by believing on the Son of God in this sacrificial character that we come to receive the benefits of his great salvation. It is thus our sins are washed away—it is thus our robes are washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. And we must remember that it is his blood, his own blood that can avail—that his sacrifice alone is efficacious. This is the grand truth, the centre in which all the lines of salvation meet. "It is Christ that hath loved us—it is Christ that hath washed us from our sins in his own blood!"

Oh! the depth of the riches of the grace of God in Christ! To have forgiveness of our sins; nay, more than forgiveness! Not only are all our sins forgiven, but the very root of sin, so to speak, is destroyed—nailed to the cross (as far as condemnation is concerned) in the person of our surety. So that instead of sin, the torment of our life—the source of our sorrow, God, (through the merits of Christ's sufferings) gives us righteousness, the fruits of which are "peace and assurance for ever." Into what a glorious state is the Christian thus brought, because of the finished work of the Redeemer—united to Christ as a branch to the vine—protected in him as within a strong tower—joined to the Lord as one spirit—accepted in the beloved, and complete in him. This is the present state of the Christian. And his expectation how glorious! a crown of righteousness—a crown of glory—a crown of life; to see the face of the Redeemer—to enjoy his presence,

freedom from death and pain, fulness of joy and pleasures for evermore.

It is true that, in order to this there is the conflict, the struggle which all have to maintain while undergoing their probation. But the same Holy Spirit who revealed the Saviour to the soul will communicate out of Christ's fulness, grace for every time of need. And the reward is certain—the victory sure. "Be thou faithful unto death," says the faithful and true witness, "and I will give thee a crown of life." Even now may we join in the anthem of the redeemed, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God, to him be glory and dominion for ever, Amen."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BELLEVILLE ANNUAL MISSIONARY MEETING.—The Annual Missionary Meeting of St. Andrew's Church was held on Wednesday evening last, 7th inst. The proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Rev'd A. Buchan, Geo. Neilson, Esq., who officiated as Chairman, explained briefly the objects for which the meeting had been called, after which addresses were delivered by the Rev'd Messrs. McCaul, McLaren, Inglis, Climie, and Bell, the Hon. R. Read, and A. F. Wood, Esq., Warden of the County. The speaking was good and to the point, brevity being a marked and pleasing feature. The collections and subscriptions amounted to \$97, and it is expected that additional sums will be received, several persons belonging to the Church who are friendly to the Mission schemes having been unavoidably absent. Towards the close, the Rev'd A. Walker, Pastor of the congregation, made a few remarks, warmly thanking the audience, more especially those who were present from the other Protestant denominations, for the liberal contributions made on this occasion. A vote of thanks was passed to the Choir, who, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Orme, had executed very creditably several pieces of music in the course of the evening. The benediction having been pronounced, the meeting separated, apparently well satisfied with the manner in which the proceedings had been conducted.

Perished in the Bay of Biscay on the 11th January, by the foundering of the steamship "London," the Rev. James Kerr, M.A., lately of Armadale Mission Station, and formerly of St. Martin's and of Murroes, also his young wife.

Mr. Kerr was at one time assistant of St. Andrew's Church in Montreal, a diligent workman, and a great friend of the poor.