

such things do not prove that the night of this world's history is passing away then "all signs fail." These things do indicate the approach of day. That the day of this world deliverance is at hand.

And secondly, is the day at hand, and do we know it, or may we know? I think we may. We have no doubt of the return of the natural day. We have passed the Equinox and the days are growing shorter and drier, but we do not doubt of the dawn of morn or the coming of longer and brighter days. We have similar assurances that the day of the world's renovated existence is at hand, and we can rest our faith in such grounds as these. 1st. Because all knowledge, and especially religious knowledge, has so greatly increased. At this moment the Bible is the most plentiful book in the world, and the cheapest book, yet everywhere the demand is equal to the supply. It is a saleable book in whatever form, from its largest to its smallest form. There is very little dead stock in Bibles in any publishing house, or on any bookseller's shelves. Is not all this cheering, and does it not show that the Bible shall enlighten every land? The progress of freedom, the natural birthright of man, is another proof that the day is at hand. In former ages, corporeally and politically, man has been a slave, but slavery is doomed and soon will be dead. It cannot live in this age. We have the grand fact that Russia has been obliged to liberate her serfs, and that over the border the slaves are freed as the result of the civil war. Freedom is growing all over the world. Look also, as another evidence, of the great progress which co-operation and union are making all over the world. We hear now of commercial treaties, reciprocity treaties and federal unions. And while this is the case in the kingdoms of this world, it is also emphatically the case in the kingdom of God. It is true indeed, that there are hostile elements to hinder this movement. There are traitors. There are men who, under the guise of loyalty, raise the banner of infidelity. But it will not do, brethren. As the disloyal in the civil war, from which I take my illustration, were humbled, so will the enemies in the church. In the several Provinces of this spiritual kingdom, there is a spirit of union which is full of hopefulness. We have an illustration of this fact, even in this Synod which is about to be constituted. Finally the great progress that has taken place in good morals is another proof that the day is at hand. No doubt in these times the wicked are doing wickedly. But I do not regard this as a hopeless sign. But brethren, is it not the darkest hour just before the dawn? But there is light amid the darkness. It is not so thick darkness after

all. Take any one of the social virtues, and I will venture to hope that these virtues are more honored in the observance than in the breach. Bad as we are, honesty is the rule and fraud the exception; truth is the rule, falsehood the exception; purity the rule, pruriency the exception. Instead of men getting worse as they get wiser, the increase of knowledge is the parent of the increase of worth. And when to all this you add that this is the age of beneficence to all that is true, and beautiful, and good, you must admit that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Look at the volume of this river of God, which carries health, and virtue, and knowledge to places and to persons to which, but for it, they would be eternal strangers. Look at the fact of modern Christian giving for the cause of the true, and the beautiful, and good, and you need not doubt that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. This is the harbinger of the day—the morning star, whose light is only eclipsed by the rising of the sun. I shall close this illustration, brethren by reading the last verses of this chapter by way of application:—

"Let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and darkness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof."

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Wednesday evening was devoted to a Public Missionary Meeting in St. Andrew's Church. We give an abstract of the addresses, which we borrow from the St. John Telegraph:—

MR. PELLETIER'S ADDRESS.

He spoke of the work he had been engaged in during the last six months. He had been engaged among the people of Stellarton and Vale Colliery in Pictou Co., who were from old France. There were between eighty and ninety families of French people in these two places. They were a moral and industrious people, and generally spoken well of by their neighbors. They were all nominally Catholics when they came there, and attended the services of the Church of Rome. They were tired of their priests, however, before they left France. They said that their clergy were not what they should be. When they came here some things transpired which alienated them from the Church of Rome. This opened to him all their homes, especially as he was one of them. The efforts he put forth were successful. The meetings were all well attended. They had two