

from paganism. Gratitude for our own emancipation and love for our brethren, the heathen of all countries, should move us with a mighty impulse to engage in the missionary work.

11. Success is certain. The Lord has promised it. The apostles illustrated it.—Those twelve men were missionaries. In their time, Rome, with her military force ruled the bodies of men; and Greece, with her philosophy, ruled their spirits. Both arose in enmity to the Cross. The little band of apostles did not fear or falter.—They conquered both.

"12. We ourselves are the offspring of the missionary enterprise. To turn against it is like a man's turning against his own mother.

"13. Duty, Love, Success—these are three magic words. Let us grasp the ideas they suggest, and pray and work for all men, at home and abroad, until the Church absorbs the whole world and rises up into the millennial glory.

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The Doves in early times are sometimes emblems of innocence, and, when they bear olive branches, of the peace attained by those whose graves they mark, but in many cases one of these little birds denoted the Third Person of the Trinity, Whose Self-chosen symbol was manifested at the Baptism of Jesus, when "the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a Dove upon Him." (*S. Luke* iii. 22). Raúlin, quaintly reasons on the question as to why this form was selected.

(1) A dove is without gall, and is harmless, and therefore repre-

sents the character of those born of the Spirit. (2) A dove bore the olive branch to the ark, in token of God being reconciled; and by Baptism we are reconciled to God. (3) A dove has seven qualities, resembling the Spirit's sevenfold gifts. These are: (a) It moans instead of warbling, this representing the spirit of holy *Fear*; (b) It is a gentle bird, and is offered in sacrifice, thus representing the spirit of *Piety*; (c) It is granivorous not carnivorous, thus it shadows forth the spirit of *Knowledge*; (d) It dwells in the clefts of the rock, thus exhibiting the character of the Spirit of *Fortitude*; (e) It brings up the young of others, thus showing the spirit of *Counsel*; (f) It rends not what it eats, but swallows whole, a type of the spirit of *Understanding*; (g) It dwells beside waters; thereby exhibiting the marks of the spirit of *Wisdom*."

DR. HEPWORTH, writing in the *Independent* on the advantage of reiterating in the pulpit, tell this story:

A Scotch clergyman once got at the pith of this matter. He preached the same sermon on repentance three consecutive Sundays. A good elder came to him to remonstrate against this breach of custom. "Dominie, the people have heard that sermon before," he began, mildly. "Ah! have they?" responded the preacher as he looked over his glasses into space. "Yes, they have heard it twice before," ventured the elder, this time rather doggedly. "Indeed!" said the preacher, with a smile that was full of meaning. "Well, Dominie, to tell the truth, you have preached that sermon three times, and the