

(2) that the rate of increase in those Churches is greater than the average rate in our home Churches; (3) that in proportion to the money spent, there are more conversions abroad than at home; (4) that every Missionary enterprise has succeeded to a greater or less extent. Yet we are told that Missions are a failure. Yes, they are, just as Christianity is a failure, a failure because of the awful power of sin in us, because of the awful deceitfulness of sin. We are only one quarter converted ourselves. We have hardly learned the alphabet in Christ's school yet. When we are fully converted, when we have learned to devote ourselves to Him, and to dedicate our all to His cause, when Christendom precipitates itself in avalanches of love on heathenism as the Crusaders marched to the conquest of Christ's sepulchre with the cry "God wills it," then the sun shall have risen to the zenith and even the blind shall see. That day is beginning, and oh! shame and eternal loss to us if in the great conflict we have little or no share.

"Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
Brings tidings from afar,
Of nature in commotion
Prepared for Zion's war."

You remember the description in "The Vision of Don Roderick" of the varied host that marched to the Peninsular War under the Duke of Wellington, the English regiments, the Irish regiments, and the "Loved warriors of the Minstrel Land." In the next war that may have to be fought for the honor or interests of the Empire, there will be Canadian regiments too. And what shame would mantle our faces if we learned that in the march the Canadians lagged behind, or that they failed in the thick of the heavy fight.

But here is a host infinitely more varied. Under the banners of King Jesus, all races and colors march. Shall we not take our share? How are we to do it? By system. Little can be accomplished by spasmodic effort. Nothing is done in war by *franc tireurs* and *Bashi Bazouks*. We cannot all go. The Church must train men; must send the fittest, must equip them properly. To do so, one hundred times the amount now raised is needed. How is it to be done? Only by John Wesley's plan "All at it and always at it."

How many voices call us! The ghosts of our martyrs.

"Their dead bodies lie in the streets of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." Norman Macleod's dying voice calls us, for he too gave himself for India. Duff with the last energies, as of a volcano, now nearly burnt out; true men from every quarter of the field, from whose failing hands the banner is falling.

But not their voices do we hear. We hear the voice of Him who died for us, and who now with living voice gives the command to us—his sacramental host. If we disobey, He cannot forgive our disobedience.

The Meeting was closed with singing and the Benediction. Thus ended the first series of Anniversary Missionary Meetings of our Church in Montreal.

So gratifying has the success been, that we are happy to learn that they are to be continued hereafter every year—we trust that many other cities and towns will follow the good example set by our Montreal friends.

THE surest way of being deceived is to think yourself cleverer and more cunning than anybody else.—*Rochejacquet*.

NOTHING more hinders a soul from coming to Christ than a vain love of the world; and till a soul is fired from it, it can never have true love for God.—*Bunyan*.

THE difference between heathen virtue and Christian goodness is the difference between oars and sails, or rather, between galleys and ships.—*Augustus Hare*.

THE character of a wise man consists in three things: To do himself what he tells others to do; to act on no occasion contrary to justice, and to bear with the weaknesses of those about him.—*Samuel Smiles*.

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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

TORONTO.—Knox Church, Toronto, on 3rd January.
LINDSAY.—At Woodville, on 26th of February.
BARRIE.—At Barrie, 1st Tuesday of February.
STRATFORD.—In Knox Church, Stratford, on 29th January, at 10 a.m.
WHITBY.—In St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on 3rd Tuesday of December, at 11 a.m.
SAUGEN.—At Mount Forest, on the third Tuesday of December, at 2 o'clock p.m.
OWEN SOUND.—In Division Street Church, Owen Sound, on Tuesday, 18th Dec., at 10 a.m.
KINGSTON.—In St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on Tuesday, 8th Jan., 1878, at 3 p.m.
PARIS.—At Tilsonburg, on Tuesday 18th Dec., at 7.30 p.m.
LONDON.—In first Presbyterian Church, London, on Tuesday 18th Dec., at 2 p.m.
OTTAWA.—In St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, 5th February, at 3 p.m.
CHATHAM.—In Wellington Church, Chatham, on 18th December, at 11 a.m.
PETERBOROUGH.—In the Mill Street Church, Port Hope, on the third Tuesday of January, at 1.30 p.m.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

NOT EXCEEDING FOUR LINES 25 CENTS.

BIRTH.

On the 23rd October, 1877, at "Harrow Lodge" Jeremiah's Road, Veprey, Madras, the wife of the Rev. Andrew Dowsley, B.A., Church of Scotland Mission, of a son.

At Simcoe, on 18th Dec., the wife of Mr. John Henderson, station master G.W.R., Harrison, of a son.

MARRIED.

On the 12th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. David Wallace, of Edwardsburg, to Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. Samuel Montgomery, of the same place.

International Lessons.—LII.—Review Chart.

NO.	LESSON.	A.D.	PLACES.	PERSONS.	EVENTS.	GOLDEN TEXTS.	TOPICS.	TEACHINGS.
XL.	Paul in Palestine. 1. AT CAESAREA.	58	Caesarea.	Paul. Philip. Agabus. Brethren.	The sorrowful journey—Prophecy—Dissuasion—Decision.	None of these things move me.	The courage and perseverance of Paul.	True courage is prompted and sustained by faith and love.
XLI.	2. AT JERUSALEM.	"	Jerusalem.	Paul. Mob. Soldiers.	Paul worshipping—Seized—Beaten—Rescued.	The servant is not greater than his Lord.	Counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.	One may be zealous for the temple, and sin against the Lord of the temple.
XLII.	IN THE MOB.	"	"	Paul. Mob. Soldiers. Chief Captain.	Paul explains his mission and asserts his citizenship.	Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites.	Persecuted, but not forsaken.	God directs and protects His servants. Our citizenship is in heaven.
XLIII.	BEFORE THE COUNCIL.	"	"	Paul. Council. Ananias. Sects.	The Arraignment. The Blow. The Appeal. The Dissension. The Vision.	And they were not able to resist.	They shall deliver you up to Councils.	The comfort of a good conscience. God is with His people.
XLIV.	3. AT CAESAREA. BEFORE FELIX.	"	Caesarea.	Paul. Felix.	The prisoner's defence. The governor's perplexity.	And as he reasoned of temperance and righteousness.	Conscience bearing witness.	A condemning conscience is bad, but a seared conscience is worse.
XLV.	BEFORE AGRIPPA.	59	"	Paul. Agrippa. Festus.	"Judged for the hope." Meeting with Jesus at Damascus.	I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.	Old things are passed away.	The necessity of conversion. A changed life is the best proof of a changed heart.
XLVI.	ALMOST PERSUADED.	"	"	"	The prisoner bears witness to the truth and pleads with his judges.	Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.	Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.	Better in bonds with Christ, than free without him.
XLVII.	On the way to Rome. IN THE STORM.	60	Mediterranean Sea.	Paul. Sailors. Soldiers. Centurion.	The storm. The driven ship. The vision. Words of cheer.	I will trust in Thee.	The Lord sitteth upon the flood.	Possessions worthless in comparison with life. None lost who trust in Jesus' word.
XLVIII.	DELIVERANCE.	"	Malta.	"	Refreshment and thanksgiving. Cargo cast out. Ship aground. All saved.	He bringeth them into their desired haven.	I will deliver him, and honour him.	God never forgets a promise. Imitate Paul's unselfish thoughtfulness.
XLIX.	AT MELITA.	"	"	Paul. Sailors. Barbarians. Publius.	Paul suspected, then honoured. Publius and others healed.	I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians.	Some have entertained angels unawares.	The fickleness of popularity. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers.
L.	At Rome. WORKING FOR CHRIST.	62	Rome.	Paul. Guards. Chief Jews.	Paul receives enquiries—preaches the Gospel—writes letters.	I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome.	Paul the prisoner of Jesus Christ.	There are no circumstances where a Christian cannot work for Christ.
LI.	DYING FOR CHRIST.	66	"	Paul. Timothy.	The Charge. Command. Conflict. Crown.	I have fought a good fight.	So run that ye may obtain.	To preach the Word is the great work of Christ's ministers. Are we pressing toward the mark for the prize?