

and praises of the house of God, how much more will those need the same, who are going to the midst of paganism.

The next called upon to address the meeting was the Rev. J. D. Murray, one of the missionaries. He said :—

I wish to take my leave of you by bringing before you the importance of the work in which we are to be engaged. I would ask you to consider how intimate the relationship is between the foreign mission and God's promises through the mediator, and God's promises to the mediator, and His promises to the church. God promises to His Son that He will give them "the heathen for his inheritance," and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession." All men are to be blessed in Christ; they are to take their stand upon this rock, and the storms shall never be able to dislodge them from their standing ground. Now, how are those many promises to be fulfilled? God's christian institution of the ministry of Reconciliation is the means by which this wonderful work is to be accomplished. "How can they hear without a preacher? and how can they preach unless they be sent?" Of course God could convert the world in a week, if he felt so inclined, but we know from His Word that such is not his intention. We have this treasure put in earthen vessels. Men are to be the means, under God, of carrying this message to the utmost corners of the earth. Why, then, should there be an objection to the foreign missionary enterprise? Why should we not all engage in it? It is said that God may save the heathen. We do not know but the power of the Atonement may extend beyond the limits of Revelation. About this we know nothing, and we have nothing to do with it. Our duty in the matter is plainly laid down in the words of our Lord—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel—whosoever believeth and is baptized shall be saved—whosoever believeth not shall be damned." We see nothing in the future for the unbelieving but everlasting destruction. True, the heathen have the light of nature. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." The heathen feel unhappy because they feel guilty, but they know nothing about the Saviour, and therefore the heathen are in a perilous condition, when we look at them in the light of Revelation. If they believe not, they perish. The Gospel has been committed to us. We have the Bible in our own tongue—the Gospel preached from Sabbath to Sabbath, and "unto whom much is given, from them much shall be required." Missionaries

have crossed the ocean for us, and have come to tell us of Christ Jesus the Saviour of men. Have we tasted that the Lord is gracious, and shall we not yearn for the salvation of others? We have felt that we are sinners, and have fled from the wrath to come. We have left ourselves and our own wills, and have sought to know what God's will with us is. We have tendered ourselves and our services as your missionaries to the benighted heathen, and now we are here to take our leave of you, and to ask that you would follow us with your prayers. We are not sufficient of ourselves for the great work. We need to be "as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves;" and in leaving you, therefore, for the dark places of the earth, we do indeed ask your prayers. We are not afraid to go forth—we have counted the cost. There is nothing like romance about the mission. It is not because we think there is no heathenism at home, and that there is no work at home, but we believe we are likely to be more useful in the foreign field than at home. We feel that there is more darkness there than here; we ought therefore to go forth and glorify God, if need be, by laying down our lives. We ask that you remember how arduous the work is which we are to carry on. We ask your prayers; and if you remember us at a Throne of Grace, you may expect success. We go on the authority of the King and head of the Church, whose word says: "So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void." Let us therefore go forth hoping for success. Be this our encouragement—that Christ hath promised His presence. It would be our duty to go were there no promise, were there nothing but the words, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel." And we would ask you to become missionaries in your own spheres. Let us give ourselves to the Lord, and, by our living for Christ, may God grant that we may receive at last that crown of Glory which fadeth not away.

The Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Poplar Grove Church, Halifax, gave out the 67th Psalm to be sung, and thereafter the Rev. Mr. Annand, of Chalmers' Church, Halifax, led the meeting in prayer, after which the Rev. H. A. Robertson delivered an address, of which the following is a brief summary:

My much esteemed and christian friends: When one stands here to-night and looks before him, he sees interest and enthusiasm upon every face. And so he sees that the need of the advocacy of foreign missions is a thing of the past. The time has now come when the church should be aroused