

them more accessible to the Christian influences, and they are in constant contact with children from Christian homes and with Christian teachers.

THE RUTHENIANS

This is another branch of our work which is only in its initial stages. There are about 12,000 Ruthenians and Poles in Montreal. The majority of these people belong nominally to the Greek Orthodox Church. At present the majority of children who attend school, go into Roman Catholic schools, because there is a period given each day to teaching them their own language. We are credibly informed that the parents would rather send them to the Protestant schools if the same opportunity were afforded for learning their own language. The Presbytery of Montreal, at its March meeting, passed a resolution, requesting the Protestant School Board to consider this matter.

We have one missionary at work among the Ruthenians, while Miss King, a Presbyterian deaconess, gives considerable of her time in this direction. The homes are being visited and services held on Sunday. A Sunday School has been started, which is attended by about 30 scholars.

THE CHINESE

Possibly our most successful missionary work is among the Chinese. There are about 2,200 Chinese in the city. Of these about 1,000 attend Sunday Schools in the Presbyterian Churches, and about the same number of teachers are engaged in teaching them the English language and the Christian religion. The work is ably and faithfully superintended by Rev. Dr. J. C. Thomson. Almost every year there are a number who profess their faith in Christ and are baptized. In the year 1916 there were five such baptisms.

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Hoisting the Flag

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The great motive power that leads to action is faith. The men of great achievement have had their, thought arrested by some great truth and their energies fanned into flame by a corresponding belief in its accomplishment. They had knowledge,—and faith.

Columbus believed more than he knew when he headed his vessels on his voyage of discovery. Livingstone believed more than he knew when he gave his life in service for Africa. Carey, as he sat on his cobbler's bench in England, believed more than he knew regarding the great work of foreign missions.

The Sunday School teacher undertakes one of the greatest tasks assigned to men. He takes rank in the greatest moral and spiritual army in the world. He is seized with the magnitude of the work, and if he halt at times, he is encouraged by the assurance: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The Christian teacher or worker hoists his flag in the name of the Lord.

That hoisted flag becomes to him the visible pledge of service. He has enlisted. He has taken the oath. He is in the service of King Jesus. He is a soldier proud of his flag, and will be true to his colors. The foundation courses in our beloved church were laid in blood, the blood of the covenanters, every one of whom was a pledged man. There are many in our churches who have the knowledge, who have been impressed with the duty, but who have never, in the great daring of faith, hoisted the flag. Come! Sign up!

Recruits are badly needed in the teaching and working forces of our churches.

The hoisted flag is a declaration of war. In times of peace we may hoist the flag without risk, but if the enemy be in sight, then to carry the flag in one's hand or to lift it over one's house would instantly cause the enemy's guns to be trained upon it.

The battle is on: we are waging war against Satan, sin and death. The king wants *you*. Dare to do right! Stand with your face against the foe! Line up!

The hoisted flag is a declaration of ownership. When Jacques Cartier landed on the Gaspé peninsula he set up the fleur-de-lis, thus taking possession in the name of the king of France, and New France it became. Hold it thus over your individual life: "My Life for God;" over your class: "My Class for Christ;" over your church: "My Church for the master;" over your empire: "Great Britain and Greater Britain Beyond the Seas for God;" over the round globe: "The World for Christ!"

The hoisted flag is a symbol of victory. Christ shall win. The forces of evil shall be overthrown. The Lord will share his throne with no other. Sennacherib, Alexander, Napoleon, the Kaiser, will all be tossed into the wreckage of the world before he comes whose right it is to reign. There is no need to trail the flag. The banner of the cross shall yet float over every citadel, and the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.