

of Missionary Bishops and Clergy to Missionary Societies." The Conference did not therefore as the editor of the *C.M.S. Intelligencer* admits, "give its express *imprimatur* to this section of the report," or to any section of it: indeed there is room for doubt, it appears to us, as to whether the Resolutions of the Conference may be taken as referring to anything more than the six principles which close the Report of the Committee. The use too of the words, "On the other hand" in introducing these principles seem almost necessarily to imply on the part of the Committee itself a limitation of, if not contradiction to, the general statements of the preceding paragraph—in other words the right of "appropriation" as a principle must be held subject to the conclusions which follow and must yield to them.

Our readers are well aware that the principle adopted by the Board of D. and F. Missions has been and is that in so far as may be possible all offerings for missionary work should be sent in to the Board *unappropriated* and be distributed by the Board itself according to its wider knowledge of the comparative needs of the several missionary fields within its jurisdiction.

Whilst the report of the Committee naturally recognizes the existence of the great Missionary Societies, and the magnificent work done by them in behalf of the Church—itsself "the great Missionary Society of the world"—it nevertheless unmistakably affirms the principle that such Societies are merely assistants or handmaids to the Church and that as soon as possible where organization has taken place the societies should transfer their powers to the dioceses and diocesan authorities. Had this principle been fully recognized and acted on in the past we apprehend many of the difficulties which have arisen in connection with one in particular of these great societies might have been avoided.

The Right Rev. Dr. Awdry, Bishop of Osaka, and Mrs. Awdry were passengers by the Steamer *Parisian* which arrived in Quebec on the 23rd ult. His Lordship passed through Montreal en route to his diocese in Japan on Tuesday the 29th of October.

A very successful and excellent missionary meeting was held in connection with the half yearly meeting of the Board of Missions in Montreal on the evening of the 13th of October last. The meeting took place in the beautiful Convocation Hall of the Montreal Theological College which, though very large, was almost completely filled. The Lord Bishop of Montreal (wearing his Episcopal robes) presid-

ed, and there were also on the platform with him their Lordships of Toronto, Nova Scotia, Ottawa, Quebec and Algoma, and Revs. Canon Matheson and L. N. Tucker. The choir and organist of St. George's Church, in surplices, attended and led the singing, the hymns being specially selected for Missionary meetings from Hymns A. & M. Very interesting addresses were delivered by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Bishop of Algoma, the Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A., of Vancouver, B.C., and the Rev. Canon Matheson, B.D., of Winnipeg, all of whom impressed upon the meeting the urgent calls for assistance in extending the work of the Church in these several sections of the Dominion. Mr. Tucker made a good point in seeking assistance for the Chinese in British Columbia, of whom he said there were a great number, in pointing out that not only was it the *duty* of the Church to use every means to evangelize these heathen, who in God's Providence had been brought to our shores, but also that evangelization of these offered the most effective means (upon their return to their home land) for the further evangelization of the millions of their countrymen.

OVER LAND AND SEA.

Only a little while of brave endeavor,
Only a little while of care and strife,
And then—the perfect peace of God forever,
And the pure glories of a fadeless life.

Only a little while of patient yearning
For vanished smiles, and voices hushed of yore,
And then—our loved ones with their Lord returning,
And hands, now severed, clasped to part no more.

O blissful day! O glorious consummation!
Lo, o'er the hills the dawn is breaking fast!
Come, Light of life, display Thy full salvation,
And speed the lonely pilgrim home at last.

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OLD Syracuse was admirably literary. When it took its Athenian enemies captive in battle it spared those of them who could repeat the verses of Euripides. But old Syracuse crushed humanity, tortured its slaves, worshipped with its appetites and greedily swallowed its weak competitors till it was itself swallowed by greedier Rome. "Am I my brother's keeper?" It is Cain's question. Yes you are; all men and women are one another's keepers, educators, helpers or hinderers, saviours or seducers. You are trying to fill your life with beautiful things. The way is to fill it with right things; for, as society ripens, as the standard of manhood rises, the right things will come to be the beautiful things, as sure as God lives.—*Bishop F. D. Huntington.*