

## THEY EVANGELIZE THE WORLD WHO CHERISH THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

Christ, the *Missionary of the Godhead*, viewed in all the glory of his character, commands adoration as the divine embodiment of the missionary spirit. The Penitent while worshipping and adoring him, do, in the ecstasies of their admiration of his character, drink into his spirit, and thus become transformed into missionaries of the Cross; with them the wise and the good have ever delighted to commune, a privilege open to all, as through books, if not otherwise, we can all walk with whomsoever we will.

For several years the writer has been anxious to find a work through which the population of Canada could conveniently hold converse with the Elijahs of modern missions, and is happy in being able to state that he has been successful; and that he is now in a position to supply all who wish, with copies of the work referred to in the following notices kindly addressed to him by their respective authors with express permission thus to use them:

Of the "*Record of the Lives and Labors of the Missionary Heroes and Martyrs*," I hold a very favorable opinion, and with the sentiments of Dr. Sprague in his introduction to the work I cordially concur. The work is not only reliable as a historical record, but its practical bearing and tendency in favor of real religion entitles it to the encouragement of every friend of truth and of missions.

ROBERT BURNS, D.D.,  
Minister, Toronto, C. W.

"MISSIONARY HEROES AND MARTYRS, &c."—This is a beautiful Volume, bound in a superior style. The subject on which it treats, is of the greatest importance. No enterprise is fit to be compared with that, whose "Heroes and Martyrs" are here portrayed. The introduction, from the pen of the Rev. W. B. Sprague, D.D., is a well written article, and will repay those who will peruse it. We cannot see how any one, on reading this introduction, can do otherwise, than admire the gifted writer, and above all, have exalted views of the Missionary work. The men to whom we are afterwards introduced, are those, both from England and America, who have been *great in the goodness* of self-denying labour.

We entreat christian parents to place this book in the hands of their sons, and should any of them wish to tread in the steps of the christian Heroes, whose deeds are here recorded, hinder them not, let them furnish the material for a second book of Heaven inspired heroism. We thank Mr. Dick, the Toronto publisher, for putting this Volume in circulation, and hope that he will meet with much success everywhere.

EDWARD BARRASS,  
Primitive Methodist, Alice St. Church, Toronto.

The reading of the "Heroes and Martyrs of the Modern Missionary Enterprise," cannot but exert a beneficial influence. The essential oneness of Christians when earnestly engaged in "holding forth the word of life," is strikingly exhibited. In youthful readers, the brief narrations of Christian excellence here given, will awaken a desire for further information.

ALEXANDER LORIMER,  
Librarian of Toronto University.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have read a considerable portion of the book entitled, "Missionary Heroes," and have no hesitancy in calling it an excellent work:—well calculated to exhibit christianity in many of its most interesting aspects; to stir up in the pious mind an ardent zeal for Christian missions; and to excite a tender and prayerful sympathy for those heroic servants of the cross who are perilling their lives among the heathen, I trust it will have, as it merits, a wide circulation.

Yours, very truly,  
JOHN BORLAND, Wesleyan Minister.

DEAR BROTHER,—I have examined with some care the work entitled, "Heroes and Martyrs of the Missionary Enterprise," and feel prepared cordially to commend it as a fair and interesting exhibition of some of the noblest missionaries that God has raised up to spread the knowledge of His glory among the gentiles.

R. A. FYFE, Pastor of Bond St. Baptist Church.

(From the Canadian Independent.)

"HEROES AND MARTYRS OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE." By Lucius E. Smith. Introduction by Dr. Sprague.—Providence: R. L. O. W. Potter. Toronto: Robert Dick.

At first sight of this glittering volume, we were sceptical whether the interior would correspond with the exterior, for "all is not gold," &c. Nor in fact do they agree together. "Apples of gold in pictures of silver" are in good taste; but *not apples of silver in pictures of gold*. The contents of this volume are worthy of a less meretricious binding—a point which publishers would do well to consider. Thoughtful people prefer a quieter looking volume.—Silly ones will buy a flaming book for its binding, and *never read it*.

But this is really a carefully written book, a compilation of memoirs of distinguished Missionaries of modern times, both English and American, of all churches, and yet something more than a mere dry stringing together of facts, dates, and extracts, for you have also continual recurrence to the great principles of Evangelical effort. The first chapter contains an interesting sketch of the

Moravian Missions. We are glad to see this class of publications becoming so numerous and popular. We want them all. May the men of this book find many imitators in Canada.

REV. RONT DICK.—MY DEAR SIR,—Having carefully perused several of the articles in a work entitled, "*Heroes and Martyrs of the Modern Missionary Enterprise*," I am of the opinion that the general circulation of that volume could not fail to be serviceable to the cause of religion generally and especially the work of missions.

The volume presents, in a plain but pleasing style, a large amount of interesting and valuable information concerning the lives and labors, sufferings and successes of some of the most devoted, and most highly honored of the noble missionary band, and exhibiting as it does patterns of humble, fervent, and self-denying piety, as well as of patient, heroic, and self-sacrificing service, it is well fitted to cultivate the sympathy, stimulate the liberality, and excite and sustain the missionary spirit of all evangelical churches.

W. ORMISTAN, United Pres. Minister.

(From the Christian Guardian.)

"MISSIONARY HEROES AND MARTYRS:"—Published by O. W. Potter, Providence R. I.; Toronto: Robert Dick. This book is a quarto volume of 508 pages, and contains brief biographical accounts of some of the most eminent persons who have acted a conspicuous part in connection with the modern missionary enterprise. The first chapter gives a historical review of the earlier Missions of the christian church, commencing with the beginning of the eighteenth century. This book will be found a valuable aid in giving a cursory view of the rise and progress of Christian missions, and of the character of some of the principal agents and their heroic deeds, in carrying forward the glorious enterprise.

REV. ROBERT DICK,—The Missionary Heroes and Martyrs, is, I consider, a valuable addition to our ecclesiastical literature. Its theme—the moral Heroism of Missionary Life—is presented before us in attractive and impressive aspects. The bright and important example of these honoured and distinguished ambassadors of Christ should *never* be lost sight of by the church. However numerous may be the great body of the missionary army *now*, it is our duty—interest—delight, to keep our eye upon the *few* but glorious ones that composed the *advanced guard*. Their noble example is worthy our imitation. Our indebtedness to them is great. Our own familiarity with their history and name, may—as is too frequently the case—lead us to suppose that others enjoy the same pleasurable intimacy. This is a misconception; and I apprehend, that the present volume is admirably adapted to introduce these distinguished worthies to the attention and affection of thousands.

Yours truly,  
J. GEMLEY, Wesleyan Minister.

REV. ROBERT DICK.—MY DEAR BROTHER,—I can cordially add my testimony to that of my brethren in commendation of the "Heroes and Martyrs of the Missionary Enterprise." The book, I find to be exceedingly well written—the memoirs it contains unusually captivating, and the impressions produced by its perusal, most salutary.

DAVID SAVAGE, Minister, Temperance St. Church.

Believing that the above recommendations are amply sufficient to meet every legitimate demand for this kind of testimony, no more is offered, though a pamphlet is now at hand, wholly filled with similar notices from eminent men of all Christian denominations. As the book is large (royal octavo), and admirable both in appearance and in intrinsic value, and its price, in the best style, limited to two dollars and a half, it is hoped that it will find a place in nearly every family in Canada. To parties remitting the price, the work will be sent to any Railroad Station between Hamilton and Kingston free of charge. All remittances forwarded by mail, in registered letters, addressed ROBERT DICK, (*Tribune Office*), TORONTO, are at the risk of the subscriber.

ROBERT DICK.

## SLAVES OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

It is a painful fact, but there is no denying it, the mass are the tools of circumstances; thistle-down on the breeze, straw on the river, their course is shaped for them by the currents and eddies of the stream of life; but only in proportion as they are things, not men and women. Man was meant to be not the slave, but the master, of circumstances; and in proportion as he recovers his humanity, in every sense of that great obsolete word,—in proportion as he gets back the spirit of manliness, which is self-sacrifice, affection, loyalty to an idea beyond himself, a God above himself, so far will he rise above circumstances, and wield them at his will.—*Kingsley*.