

right, or to the left, but in front of them. Let them advance, until the great battle-field of the world were cleared of the foe, and no banner waved above it but the blood-stained banner of the Cross.

Rev. THOMAS HARRIS, President of the Newfoundland Conference, in a very neat and impressive address, moved the second resolution, which was as follows: "This meeting expresses its pleasure that the changes which have been completed in the Methodist Church during the past year, by which the spirit of Christian Union and strength has been greatly promoted, give promise of beneficial result to the missionary work of this Society."

The resolution was seconded by ROBERT WILKES, Esq.

The Rev. WELLINGTON JEFFERS, D.D., moved the next resolution, "That considering the enlarged field of missionary culture, necessitating an expenditure far beyond any former year, and the vast responsibilities now thrown upon all who are interested in the progress of Divine truth, this meeting feels called upon to sustain, with increased liberality and prayer, the pressing claims of the Methodist Missionary Society." Dr. Jeffers said he did not intend to deliver a formal address. The hour was too advanced for that. The resolution was very full and suggested material for several speeches. Scripture was often misquoted. A man once told him (Dr. J.) with a very knowing air that the late French and German war was certainly the subject of prophetic mention in the Scriptures. When pressed for chapter and verse the quotation given was, "Man app^{ts} but God disap^{ts}!" Scripture was not only misquoted, but often misapplied. The passage, "Prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it," was often misunderstood to mean the promise of a spiritual blessing; whereas, it referred to material prosperity. But it had the condition attached, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house." The most perfect machine was that which utilized most fully the force supplied to it. The Church wants its machinery perfecting to economize a great deal of force which now runs waste, emotional force, intellectual force. Generous impulses should find their embodiment in generous deeds. Before closing his stirring address Dr. Jeffers complimented Cobourg as being in the van of all Canadian towns in supporting the Methodist Missionary Society, and expressed the hope that it would still prove itself to be the banner town of the Connexion in sustaining the missionary agencies of the Church.

JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., M.P., seconded the resolution. Associated so closely and influentially with the policy and operations of the Society—its lay-treasurer and one of its most munificent supporters, Mr. Macdonald's advocacy of the claims of our missionary work is always responded to heartily, and often enthusiastically. As at the Metropolitan meeting of the previous evening, so on this occasion Mr. Macdonald's remarks were those of a man who meant business, and in their practicalness his appeal took hold of the sympathies of the meeting. If the stirring and eloquent addresses of previous speakers had failed to do the work to which that platform was commissioned, Mr. Macdonald feared for the meeting. He would give them some figures. The applications for grants for the coming year were \$36,000 in advance of the year just closed, whilst the debt of the Society was \$40,000. He wished to ask could the Methodist Church of Canada raise the year's expenses of nearly \$200,000 with the additional demands that were coming on the Society? (Cries of "Yes, yes.") Then, let the whole line go forward. The Church they represented could raise a quarter of a million of dollars for mission work this year if she only would. Yes, just as easily as she could raise ten cents. Referring to Cobourg as being the University town of