

in this Missionary work, and he rejoiced in its rapid development, for he remembered when it had an income of only a few hundred dollars. He trusted that the city of Ottawa, now the capital of the Dominion, would become a centre from which all good influences would emanate. Time was when the Ottawa Valley was said to contain only streams and rocks and pine trees; but it was now becoming manifest that we had fertile valleys and plains, into which a large mixed population was rapidly flowing, among whom our Missionaries had a great work to do. These settlers were not yet able to support a ministry of their own, and hence the need of aid being given by the Missionary Society. No nation, now, which excludes the Bible, can expect to prosper; and if our country extends to the Pacific, how joyful it will be to hear from every valley and hill-side the echo of the church-bell sounding forth

“Salvation, O the joyful sound!”

In a day like this, when there was so much activity in politics, in commerce, and in science, it would not do for the church to be dormant. He believed the church would become increasingly active, and that the dark clouds of the middle ages would never settle down upon her again.

Rev. W. JEFFERS, D.D., *Chairman of the Whitby District*, seconded the resolution with pleasure, because he had full confidence in it. Reference had been made to the view of some that the world was becoming worse, and if we judged from the secular press we might incline in the same direction; but we must remember the secular papers generally give more space to the doings of one sinner than to the doings of ten thousand saints. He could not think how people could imagine the world was growing worse, with all the Christian activities of the day around them. We are sometimes told we should suspend operations abroad till we convert our heathen at home. But are we not trying to convert the ungodly at home? What else are our churches and Sunday-schools for? And then we say to our questioners, “Why don't you try to convert the heathen at home? Why not try to lessen the sum of human immorality and misery?” But it is only Christianity that tries

to do this. The fair way to state the question is,—“Suppose all men obeyed the gospel, what kind of a world would we have?” That would demonstrate the divinity of Christianity. Philosophers have never been able to devise a system which will harmonize all jarring elements, and elevate and purify men; but a system which does this must be divine. The temporal, moral, and spiritual redemption of the world depends upon the church, for God has never employed any other than human agency to convert the world. If the church lets the world alone, it will become worse and worse, for there is no other help. Some men say,—Society is governed by fixed laws, and we cannot do anything to change the current. He did not believe this. No laws or currents could hinder the progress of the gospel, or prevent man from exerting a good influence upon man. Was there ever such another sublime object as the gospel contemplates? The gospel proposes to enlighten and regenerate the whole human race. Did any philosopher or statesman ever contemplate such a thing? No; nothing but the gospel ever contemplates such a thing. There was nothing better calculated to elevate and expand the mind of the community than these very Missionary Meetings. This work was so great that it should have our warmest sympathies and our most hearty support. We have our Foreign as well as our Home Missions; and we are exerting an indirect influence on Missionary work throughout the world. When we think of the population coming to our shores, we cannot fail to see the influence this Dominion will yet exert on the destiny of this continent. Then let us give ourselves heartily to the work of blessing this continent through our instrumentality of Christian Missions.

The resolution was then unanimously carried.

The third resolution was moved by the Rev. JAS. ELLIOTT, *Chairman of the London District*,—“That the present aspect of our own Church, as shown in its peace, unity, and growth, and from the blessed results of the Society's plans and labors, should awaken our gratitude, praise, and confidence, leading us to be mindful of our indebtedness to God, to rely upon His promises, and to pray for and expect the out-