

much beyond the best civilization of Greece and Rome, as the light of the sun is beyond the glimmer of a taper. Is Africa the exception? We all know what churches there once were in Africa—nay, what noble specimens of Christianity there are in Africa to-day. Is it America? In regard to America, I feel inclined to answer after the manner of a young preacher in one of the American Conferences, who, when asked for a proof of the divinity of Christ, being rather better up in his practical than his theoretical theology, replied, "Proof of His divinity! Why, bless you! He has converted my soul!" Sir, there are millions on this continent, who, if asked as to the adaptation of the Gospel to America and her varied populations, would exclaim, "Why, bless you! it has converted our souls." We shall be told, perhaps, that the adaptation of the Gospel to all is not doubted; but its power to overcome the impenitence and unbelief of all. For my part, I believe, not only in the adaptation of the Gospel, but in its invincibility and final acceptance among men. Doubtless, there will be hindrances and delays. The work is spiritual work, and not one of mere physical transformation. If the problem were to level the mountains, the power of God could lay the Alps low in an hour. If the problem were to transform the desert into a garden, the power of God could do it in an hour, so that the travellers of the vast caravan, lying down at night amid hills of burning sand, might awake in the morning amid laughing waters, blooming flowers, warbling birds, and all the rich luxuriance of a southern landscape. The mountains of unbelief shall be levelled, the moral deserts shall bud and blossom; but it may not take place in an hour, or by a mere act of Omnipotence. In the fulness of time came the song of the angels on the plains of Bethlehem, and in the fulness of time shall come also that other song, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ." We must not forget the cumulative power of the Gospel, or, if you like it better, the cumulative power of the Church. God is in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, but He has committed unto the Church the ministry of reconcilia-

tion. It is not too much to believe, that as time rolls on, her ministry may become more earnest, more skilful, more efficient, and more irresistible. There are some things the Church can do to-day, which she could not do a few hundred years ago, and there are things she will be able to accomplish hereafter that she cannot accomplish now. She has dormant energies and a reserved power, which will yet be brought to bear upon the world. I look at England: she is not yet wholly Christianized, but she might have been if the Church had done her duty. If all her ministers had done what they could; if all her sovereigns had been like Victoria; and all her statesmen like Wilberforce or our own Governor Wilmot, how different would have been her condition to-day! England is not yet fully Christianized, but with a little more prayer she might have been, with a little more self-sacrifice she might have been, with a little more evangelical skill she might have been. And so of the world. God will yet give us that little more, that dormant power of prayer, of zeal, of knowledge, of skill. The light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun sevenfold, even as the light of seven days. The knowledge of God shall cover the whole earth, and then,

"From dawn to the sunset,
Unchecked on their way,
Hosannas shall follow
The march of the day."

A hymn was then sung by the congregation.

The following resolution was then moved by John Macdonald, Esq., of Toronto: "That this meeting devoutly recognizes the goodness of God in the liberal and voluntary income placed at the disposal of the Committee, for the maintenance and enlargement of the boundaries of the church. In connection with earnest prayer for the more copious effusion of the Holy Spirit upon the missionaries and the people, this meeting earnestly calls for augmented resources, that prompt appointments may be made to numerous places now needing ministerial supply within the Canadian Dominion, and, as early as possible, join the societies of other churches in sending the tidings of salvation to other nationalities, as yet,