

Oriental lands! We protest, that when the *martyr spirit is quenched the missionary spirit will be found to have gone out in the same dying flame*. Perhaps the Lord sees that if missions are to have a new and great advance it must be over paths marked with blood. As persecutions have tested, sifted and purified the Church, so have the trials and risks of missionary life purged the missionary band of the chaff and dross of unconsecrated and unworthy workmen. Let us not be in fear. It would not be surprising if the devil should be permitted to work out his great wrath, and God should make that wrath to praise Him in raising the level of missionary devotion. The man or woman who is not ready to dare death for Jesus is not ready to use life for Him. The lions in the way that send Mr. Fainthearted and Mr. Halfhearted back only embolden Faithful and Christian to brave danger for the Lord. A missionary life that presents only worldly attractions and tempts worldly indulgences produces a degenerate class of missionaries. We shall have no more Morrisons, Moffats, Livingstones, Lindleys, Brainerds, Bushnells, Notts, Hunts, Williams, Hanningtons, Judsons, McAlls, when there is no more need of self-denial for Christ, for self-sacrifice is the mould of heroic souls. The Lord has not left the work or the workmen yet, and if there be any new trials and tests they will only make the product purer and more perfect.

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Those who think that Roman Catholic communities need no Protestant missionaries should read Rev. A. B. Mackay's letter about the *adoration of "Corpus Christi"* in Montreal! Think of compelling people not only to halt while the procession was moving but to kneel in the presence of the "host!" What is this but the idolatry, not of sun or moon—which are at least noble objects of admiration—but of a mere piece of dough! And this forcible participation in idolatrous ceremonials

is found in the dominions of the greatest Protestant empire on the globe! We record our solemn belief after much observation, that, notwithstanding many precious Christian truths held by the Papal Church, it harbors and fosters idolatrous worship of the Virgin and even of the sacramental *wafer*. And where idolatry prevails, under whatever guise, the Spirit of God has never yet been present to convert and sanctify. If idols are in the courts the Shekinah is not in the temple.

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—Recently we attended a simple conference of believers at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where for a week a few hundred disciples who held the truth especially dear, and wished to study the Bible in company, assembled. Never have we breathed an atmosphere so full of God. In the closing three hours, on Thursday, July 17, we heard three successive addresses from Dr. W. G. Moorhead, on the "Millennial Age," from Dr. Nath. West, on "Christ in the Apocalypse," and from Dr. Brookes, of St. Louis, on the "Rewards of the Believer," which we never heard surpassed or even equalled for scriptural quality and spiritual power. During seven days we heard only the Word of God expanded, expounded and applied. No *ad captandum* speeches, no essays or orations; no attempts at drawing a crowd; not a hint of the new theology—the old-fashioned views of plenary inspiration, with every cardinal doctrine as our fathers held them, without any attempt to accommodate them to the demands of modern culture and science. It was refreshing and invigorating; it was a tonic for the soul. But the most noticeable thing about it is that when the old-fashioned Bible was so deeply revered and earnestly studied, the *missionary flame* burned more brightly than we have ever seen it before in such a gathering. Such a spirit of spontaneous giving was there exhibited that a few hundred people,