

You will remember that the effort for the building of the Fort Garry Church originated at the meeting of this Committee in Guelph four years ago. That was the first meeting of this Committee at which the President sat, and his name was at the head of the subscription list. Very wise was the election of the Rev. George Young for that work, who has so labored as to have secured the confidence of all classes of the community. His circuit to day is one of the most desirable in the Dominion. The church property itself is a beautiful property; the church, as chaste as any that I have seen in any of the rural districts. The windows are all of beautifully stained glass, and four designs in the centre show that they have been the gifts of the Sunday-schools from Main Street, Mount Zion, Centenary, Hamilton; North Street, London; Ottawa, Brantford, Picton, and Quebec. I do not remember seeing Brockville, but any neglect there, you purpose, I am persuaded, correcting now. Of the church itself, an Indian who came with Rev. E. R. Young from Norway House, said, on seeing it, "This is very beautiful. I am going to heaven, and I hope it will be as beautiful as this." At the request of the other members of the deputation, I brought under the notice of the Governor of the Hudson Bay Company, the Hon. Donald Smith, the matter of a grant in Winnipeg for an educational establishment, and with the same princely conduct which marked all the other acts of that Company towards the members of the deputation, Mr. Smith said a suitable grant would be given; in fact, all that would be needed; and when you are told that fifty-foot lots were sold in Fort Garry, while we were there, for two thousand dollars, you will understand that such a grant means money. If we are to do our work there as we should do, we must have our educational establishment. The Church of England has one. The Free Church has one. We should have one. We want about \$3,000 to commence this work, and we have good hope that we will get it to-night. I was in hopes, Sir, that you would have the honor of commencing this work, as Oshawa had the honor, that is the Sunday-school, of contributing the

bell, the only one in Winnipeg. And let me say of this bell that it not only calls to the House of God, but during days of darkness, when the land was in the midst of a rebellion, it rang out not only sounds of deliverance to the settlers, but sounds of welcome to our volunteers who came to their help. Well, Sir, I have in my hands a note about this scheme: If it be true (and you as a politician will know whether it is or not,) that one vote before 12 o'clock is worth two after, then what I am about to announce will have an important bearing upon this effort. Mr. John Torrance, who I regret is unable to be with us, writes me with a readiness and liberality which characterize all his efforts in connection with our funds, to put him down for \$250. That is a good commencement, and I think assures us of the result. The resolution with which I am entrusted has matter enough to enable one to speak for a month; it speaks of "gratitude to God, spiritual success, enlarged income, Divine promises, providential openings, and increased liberality." Now, upon this I must only venture a few words: Why the increased wealth which is flowing in so abundantly to Christ's people? Is it to make them increasingly sordid? is it to lead them to say that they have much goods laid up for many years? What does the remarkable prosperity of the past few years—(the most remarkably prosperous perhaps, the world has ever seen)—say to us? "Speak to the people that they go forward." What does the surplus mean, if it does not mean that we are to take up the openings which present themselves? Would it be less imperative on us to take up openings which were clearly made for us even if the balance were against us? The work is God's, and He will not only care for it, but take care of the workers. We have spoken of God's promises. "Have faith in God." These words are sufficiently assuring to me, even in the face of discouragements. There are men here, and if they were to tell us that in an enterprise involving an expenditure of \$100,000, they would stand by us and sustain us, we should prosecute our work without faltering. Shall we attach an importance to the word of any man, while we hesitate in obedience to God's command