

difficulty in doing so—stammering and stuttering frequently. The men afterwards remarked that they liked him a great deal better than the other, as it “took him some trouble to tell the truth.” To show the success which attended efforts put forth in behalf of the neglected classes, he stated that a gentleman in Liverpool started a ragged school, where the children of the poor were instructed. After a short time he resolved to hold a public meeting, and requested the children to invite their parents, and as the result of his exertions, in a short time upwards of 70 persons were converted. He would like to see the merchants of this city getting up an institution for the benefit of sailors. If you took rum from the men, you must give them something in return. The Gospel breaks the shackles which bind men, but this teetotalism could not do. At one time he could take his glass, but he found he was setting a bad example, and was obliged to give it up. The Missionary brought not only teetotalism, but the Gospel. Jack was a social being, and must have company, and if you take him from the rum-shop, where would you put him? In the fore-castle, which, in too many cases, was not fit for pigs! A room might surely be procured for them. Look at what the Church of England was doing in getting up Reading Rooms, where the working men could meet and enjoy themselves. He thought of the hall in the market-place, but then difficulties were always thrown in the way about furnishing it, &c. The sailor wanted somebody to take him by the hand, and make him feel comfortable; and it was our duty to do all we could for this class. If we could not give money, we could give our influence. He was reminded of an anecdote illustrating this position. A young man in London had been converted, and felt it to be his duty to preach the Gospel. He was at the time the sole support of his aged and widowed mother. He broke the subject to her, but she tried to dissuade him. But the calls of duty proved more powerful than the claims of affection, and he offered his services as a Missionary. When he was gone, the old lady lived alone and solitary. One day she went for a walk on the Strand, and in passing a building she observed a meeting was being held, and attempted to enter. A man in livery was stationed at the door, who asked if she was a subscriber. She said, “No.” “Well,” replied the door-keeper, “none but subscribers are admitted.” She was leaving the building, but returned again and said, “I don’t know that I am a subscriber, but I gave my son.” “Go in, go in,” said the man, “you are a subscriber.” He would not detain them longer, but had great pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The third resolution, as follows, was moved by Mr. A. Russell, seconded by Mr. T. Vaux:

3.—“That this meeting desires to express its gratitude to God for all the past success of the Quebec City Mission; and that it is the privilege of Christians to sustain, co-operate, and aid the work of the Mission, which has solely for its object the extension of Christ’s Kingdom.”

The collection was then made, and the second hymn having been sung, the meeting closed with the benediction.