

appeals to her children in lands blessed with self-government, where enjoying the blessings of freedom, they have taken their places among the progressive and wealthy, and she asks for their generous and active co-operation. Nobly have they responded in the past, nor will they be lacking now; for as the hope was never greater, the moment of success nearer, so the needs were never more urgent than now.

Latest accounts from the old land tell of extreme agricultural depression, while landlord exaction and cruelty towards the tenants are rife than ever. Seeing the approaching triumph of the people's cause and their own inevitable defeat, they are using their last moments of power to harass the tenantry and frustrate the expressed intention of Mr. Gladstone's Government. At the suggestion of the Hon. Edward Blake Canada is called on to aid the political movement of the Irish Parliamentary Party and to assist the evicted and suffering tenants, thus strengthening the bands of all engaged in the cause. Already several very liberal responses have been made to Ireland's appeal; but individual effort, however generous, is not equal to the needs. Let there, then, be united action, and Ireland will be prepared for any emergency; and let no friend of the cause withhold his offering because he cannot contribute as his heart would suggest.

Canada gives to Ireland in her present struggle one of her most distinguished sons. He takes with him her moral strength, repeatedly manifested in public opinion and parliamentary action; nor has Canada been wanting heretofore in material aid to Ireland; but in this hour of Ireland's sorest trial Canada will unite all her strength in a supreme effort to assure

the final triumph. To facilitate this united action an Executive Committee has been formed in Toronto. While this Executive is willing to co-operate in the general movement, complete success will depend on the formation and action of local organizations. It is hoped, therefore, that those in sympathy with the cause will form themselves into local committees, taking such action towards the general object as may seem to them most advisable.

Collections should be at once begun, and should include the most humble offerings as well as the most generous gifts. Local organizations may communicate with the Executive Committee in Toronto and forward their remittances as soon as collected. Senator Frank Smith and the Hon. S. H. Blake, Q. C., both gentlemen enjoying the confidence of Canadians universally, have consented to act as joint Treasurers of the Fund, and will receive and transmit to the Honourable Edward Blake all donations sent for the above purpose. Contributions sent to these gentlemen will be promptly acknowledged, and the names of all contributors published in the public press.

It only remains for us to call attention to the gravity of Ireland's present situation, and to impress upon all the urgent necessity of immediate and united action. Let us all take part to the best of our means in this grand and noble work, so that when Ireland has regained her long-lost legislative rights, each may share in the glory of a risen nation.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

SENATOR FRANK SMITH,
Chairman.