

T. Sinclair, Esq., said he could only repeat the great satisfaction which it gave him to convey to this Assembly the cordial salutations of the Church in Ireland. On arriving in this country he was pleased to find that British institutions flourished under the fostering care of the old flag. (Applause.) There was one impression which he would carry back with him to his home. If he wanted to find real loyalty and attachment to the Mother Country, it was to a Colony like Canada he must turn. (Applause.) The delegates from the other side of the ocean were rejoiced at the progress of the Canadian Church, and it was their wish that the Church here might be found in the vanguard of colonization, and belt this continent with a zone of living, burning and fervent Christianity. (Applause.) Mr. Sinclair proceeded to relate the circumstances connected with the disestablishment of the Irish Episcopal Church, and the contemporaneous abolition of the *Regium Donum*, and to speak of the efforts now being put forth by the elders and members of the Presbyterian Church to establish a Fund for the more liberal support of the Ministry.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, of the United Presbyterian Church, spoke of the Lord's doing in the increase of Christian liberality in the Church life at home. The Free Church during the 20 years of its existence, had raised for all purposes the sum of £8,838,398. What was a still more impressive fact was, that taking the average of each year, the sum was about £326,000; but last year the increase rose above the average by the sum of £95,343. While it was their duty at home to spread the Gospel through the inhabitants of the low and filthy slums, it was the duty of the Canadian Church to work among the outlying thinly-settled districts of the Dominion. The mode of sustaining the Church was a matter which had engaged the attention of the Church in the mother country. He considered the stipend to be a fair indication of the Christianity of a congregation. (Laughter.) He spoke of the necessity of liberally sustaining the ministry, if the cause of Christ were to be advanced. But there was something else besides money gifts needed. There was a necessity to aid in the work of the Church, against the Church of Rome on one side, and the dry rot of rationalism and infidelity on the other side. But he would advise them to bear in mind this fact—that the truth of Christ is ever more terrible to error than error is to truth. The one is substance, the other shadow. The one is immortal with the immortality of God, the other conceals beneath its show of strong continuance a mortal wound.

Rev. Dr. Edmond followed, and said he was among this Assembly a dreamer. He could hardly realize the fact that he was among old school-mates, and it taught him that he was "no so young as he used to be." It brought upon him a perfect whirlpool of reminiscences. The question might be asked would the Presbyterian Church become the national Church of England? He would say it was not for them, coming from the North, to presbyterianize England. Some years ago he thought there was an excellent opportunity to have the claims of the Presbyterian Church set before the English people. But the opportunity had passed, and he could not help regretting that the Presbyterians of Britain had not seized it. He concluded with an eloquent exhortation, enjoining the necessity of carrying out the principles of their faith in all future circumstances which might arrive in the development of the country.

Cordial votes of thanks to the delegates were moved and adopted; and the Moderator addressed them in very eloquent and happy terms.