

or had a subscription list been announced, good and well, but no—then and there must the large meeting be reminded, and donors contribute of the amount what each can, heartily and cheerfully. And how was this done? First, Mr. Grant prepared his audience by parables drawn from life of youth wrecked in Halifax, from the want of a home such as the Association now affords. Dishonesty had been acquired, and not only the young man himself, but the community lost. The matter came home to each one thus, "I must give, and how much will it be?" and then the thanksgiving at the end sanctified all, and made that praise to God which otherwise had been vain-glory. Verily Halifax people are a liberal people to benevolent objects, no denying that—all classes, and members of St. Matthew's not the least, is my first observation. 2nd. Every minister has his gift, but that of getting a promiscuous meeting to give on the spot is what perhaps not one in a hundred ordinary ministers could attempt, or attempting succeed in; but this is what Mr. Grant carried. Verily he has a power, and thereby he is calling forth liberality of his hearers. 3rd. This liberality is the fruit of the Gospel received into the hearts of Christian people. It is in vain to deny it. Hearing preaching, and attending Sacraments, is well, but this is not the doing to which our Lord attaches the blessing. The hearer must be drawn, and it is when he honours God with his substance that the windows of Heaven will be opened, and a blessing poured out. Give each according to his ability, and as the Lord has prospered, is the New Testament measure as well as command. Throughout our country, we have people who do give liberally, but then many seem to count a call for collection an impertinence, and no part of duty. Let them read "more blessed to give," &c., and learn whatever be the scheme, they are to give as heartily as to pray or praise. But then we have some who will give, but it is *only to their own*, their own Church, own party. That too should be rectified. Confining generosity to one's own, degenerates into selfishness and suffers in consequence. Next, a good case was made out of one who owed to sustain Association, not only a home but his Christianity, and found not

merely friends, but safety there. A few stirring appeals were made. A lady in going home loses in the drain her gold locket, in which was contained the hair of a beloved child; does she refuse to stoop down and pick from the mud the precious relic? and oh! should *not* we much more stoop to save from the pit the fallen and vile, and though it cost sacrifice, what is Christianity but sacrifice? All this was but paving the way. The speaker then announced the deficit, and that \$5200 must be subscribed on the spot. No wealthy subscriptions were announced as heading the list. It was started by those offering hundreds of dollars, then fifties, then tens. So many minutes would be given for their doing so. Instantly \$500, \$250, \$200 was announced amid great applause. The bidding was infectious. "100" quite a number called out. More than half the sum was by this time subscribed. But this did not satisfy the speaker. Now fifties were called for from the ladies. Here names in quick succession arose. Ministers, two of them gave \$100, and several less. On the ball moved, till more than the sum was subscribed amid plaudits, and then the speaker told the meeting that the wealthy class not represented there that night would be called upon for the remaining \$11,000, and he would guarantee its forthcoming after the very liberal response of the audience. Then that assembly knelt in prayer and gave thanks to God who infuses beneficence into the heart, and who had proclaimed it more blessed to give than to receive. The meeting dispersed, and every man seemed to go home with joy on his face, and hilarity on his countenance. As for the writer, he was astonished beyond measure. He had read of Whitfield, and of his influence in moving Franklin to empty his pockets into the plate, but here one speaker, after so many had exhausted their quivers, succeeded in making an audience of some hundreds give in sums from \$250 down to \$10 voluntarily from all parts of the house, and kept up for more than an hour! It was marvellous, and given "too without a grudge. "Give to him that asketh, and from him that would borrow turn not away," is Christ's direction. Thereby you are an investor in every good cause, and a partaker of the fruit.