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GO FORWARD!—It is said that when the late Bishop Cummins was near his end, and was asked what message he had to send to the church over which he was the senior officer and of which he was the founder, he answered,—“TELL THEM TO GO FORWARD AND DO A GRAND WORK!” “Sublime and devout words are these !,” says *the Christian at work*. And so they are. Would God that every minister, and every Elder, and Deacon, and every other office-bearer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada might take up the battle-cry, and wave the answer back to Heaven “By Thy Grace we will! Oh, for more enthusiasm and earnestness, in the pulpit and in the pew, in the lecture room and at the prayer meeting, at the family altar, and in the closet! Religion is either every thing or it is nothing,” said Robert Haldane, when he first gave himself to the Lord. “If it is every thing, then surely no sacrifice I can make for it can be too great: if it is nothing, then, let me have done with it.” How is it with those of us who have made “a profession” of religion. We say “Lord, Lord!” What have we done for our Lord and Master?

“I gave my life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead.
I gave, I gave my life for thee:
What has thou given for me?

Oh! let thy life be given,
Thy tears that yet remain,
World fetters all be riven,
Give me thy joy and pain;
Give, thou, give thou thyself to me,
And I will welcome thee!”

GRAND GIVING.—Generous giving ought to be ranked among “the graces.” It is sufficiently rare to be remarkable, and, when it does appear, it is beautiful to look upon. The Presbyterian Board of Missions in the United States was lately in need of money, and, in the pressure of “hard times,” did not know where to get it, when one day a gentleman unexpectedly walked into the Secretary's office and handed him a check for ten thousand dollars. He explained, by saying that he had intended to make a bequest of that amount to the Board, and had indeed mentioned it in his will: but, on reflection, and in view of the fact that the money was badly wanted, he had concluded to try the pleasure of being his own executor to that extent.

We would be afraid to name the exact amount that Dr. McCosh has received towards the maintenance and endowment of Princeton College since he became President, eight years ago; but we are quite safe in saying that it has not fallen short of \$1,500,000. The Presbyterian Church of England is reaping the fruits of the interest excited by the late Union, in large donations of money given to forward the work of the church. Among those already announced is the gift of \$50,000 from Mr. Robert Barbour, of Manchester, to found a professorship in the Presbyterian College, Queen's Square, London.

A fine illustration of how this sort of thing becomes contagious came to light the other day in Toronto, during the sittings of the Young Men's Christian Association. A sum of \$20,000 was wanted to prosecute a certain department of christian work. On the question being asked how much of that sum had already been subscribed, the answer was \$5,095. Mr. Hall, of New York, then said his