

back upon the meeting, somewhat similar to this, in Magdalen Chapel, in 1560. He concluded by hoping that this was but the commencement of a series of hallowed meetings, full of pure love and blessed fellowship.

The Rev. W. Arnot, of Edinburgh, afterwards addressed the Assembly. In introducing his remarks he said that the remarks of the Rev. Mr. Blaikie as to the influence of Knox would lead one almost to change the words in the ballad about John Brown, and say "John Knox's body is mouldering in the grave, but his soul is marching on."

Mr. Arnot made some happy remarks on the present position of affairs in Canada, and the relation of the Dominion to the Mother country, and to the United States. Mr. Arnot then said, that, having made his little political speech, he would return to the subject of Presbyterianism, with which he was more familiar. He referred to the means of Church Government and supporting the Church. He did not believe in seeking State aid to support the Church of Christ. He believed in appealing to the hearts of Christians instead. It was with great delight he spoke of the success of this system in the Church which he represented. The Church of England, though it possessed many earnest and zealous members, stood in danger of dissolution, not from foes without, but from dangers within. The Church of Rome had made more converts from it, of late years, than from all other Protestant Churches combined. Instead of turning to the laity for support, she turned within, and found none. He spoke of the necessity of making the preaching of the Word interesting to all. Presbyterianism might be a very good thing, and Presbyterians might be staunch and true enough to their Church, but they would nevertheless slip into the Church where they heard the most eloquent preaching. He would conclude by saying that this Assembly had a great responsibility upon it. To whom much was given, from them much would be required. If he were younger, he would like to emigrate to this country, and help to build up a Church in a nation which was destined to outgrow its parent State.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Topp, a cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the delegates, and to the Churches represented by them. The motion was seconded by Prof. Caven, and was carried by acclamation. The Moderator, in very appropriate terms, conveyed to the delegates the sentiments already expressed as the mind of the Assembly.

On the following evening, Friday, 10th, the Assembly received the delegates from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, Rev. Dr. Watts and T. Sinclair, Esq., and from the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, Rev. Dr. McLeod and Rev. Dr. Edmond.

Dr. Watts spoke of his kind reception in Hamilton and other Canadian cities. He referred to the state of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and to the progress of union among the various branches of the Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian Church wanted union; but union on any other principles than those of the Gospel would be treachery to the doctrines of the Lord Jesus. (Applause.) He thought there was a growing desire for the extension of Church organization, as was evidenced by the presence of so many delegates on the platform. He trusted the day was not far distant when there should be but one delegation from Scotland, England and Ireland, and that a union would be formed which would embrace Australia, India, China and the United States. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in conveying the fraternal greetings and congratulations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to the Church in Canada.