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THE REV. JOHN LOWE, F.R.C.S.E., 56 George Square, Edinburgh,
Convener of Central Committee.

The foregoing Edinburgh ministers, laymen, and ladies, representative of all the Evangelical Churches, have formed themselves into a Central Committee to promote the unanimous desire of the great united Missionary meeting held in the U. P. Synod Hall on Sabbath Evening, the 22d of July, and presided over by Sir William Muir, K.C.S.I., LL.D., Principal of the University of Edinburgh, expressed in the following letter, which was read on that occasion :

EDINBURGH, 22d July, 1888.

"TO THE REV. A. T. PIERSON, D.D., and the REV. A. J. GORDON, D.D.

"BELOVED BRETHREN : With feelings of devout thankfulness to God we welcome you amongst us. Not a few present at this meeting enjoyed the privilege of forming your acquaintance in London, and of listening to your heart-stirring addresses at the great Missionary Conference recently held there, and they ventured to invite you to visit Edinburgh that their fellow-Christians here might have the opportunity of participating in the privilege they themselves enjoyed, and in the blessing God so graciously bestowed upon that remarkable Missionary Convention.

"Without consulting your own convenience, and denying yourselves the pleasure of an extended tour on the Continent, which you had contemplated previous to your return to America, you responded most kindly to that request ; and the 'times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord' which we have enjoyed—the inspiring missionary meetings that have been held—the quickening missionary zeal which so many of us have experienced—the blessed spirit of unity which prevails, and which so signally marks the movement—and, above all, the spirit of grace and supplication which has been poured out—are all, we believe, indications that God has been leading us, that this movement is in His hands, and that, in answer to prayer, as the outcome of the great Centennial Conference, we may encourage ourselves with the thought that the desire of many hearts is about to be realized, that a new era in the history of the missionary enterprise is about to be inaugurated—an era which shall be signalized by a holy alliance for the world's evangelization, by more self-sacrificing consecration to the work, by greatly increased liberality for its support, and, above all, by more fervent, united, expectant prayer for a Pentecostal effusion of God's Holy Spirit the wide world over.

"We are longing and praying for such a new departure, for a revival of missionary zeal in the churches throughout our land ; and we gratefully acknowledge that your presence amongst us, and the solemn appeals you have made to us in your public addresses, have kindled our missionary enthusiasm and revived our drooping faith.

"This great united missionary meeting, representative not only of the various churches in our city, but of the friends of Missions throughout our land, most earnestly and solemnly invite you, beloved brethren, to prolong for a season your visit to Scotland, and we ask that you, along with other delegates to the great Missionary Conference, would kindly consent to place your services at the disposal of a central committee, about to be formed, representative of all denominations, in order that missionary meetings, such as have been held in Edinburgh, may be arranged for in as many towns throughout the country as possible, the one object in view being the deepening and extension of the missionary spirit among the churches.

"We are led to understand that you are both pastors of large and flourishing congregations in America, and your anxiety regarding your work there must be great ; but we believe that whatever