

natural capacity, and in that fact lies both reproach for the present and much encouragement for the future. Now, what I say is feasible, if only you have faith to believe it is. It can be done, and it has been done, in many individual cases at any rate, and I decline to believe that the high individual development which in past ages was attained by many a heathen Greek, aye, and by many a pagan Norseman, even, may not be attained in far greater numbers, and on a far larger scale, by Canadian Christians, especially if they be of the muscular description. (Applause.) I admit it will cost something. What good thing was ever yet got which did not cost thought, and time, and labour, which is money? Now, it is always best you should, for the most part, help yourselves, but still a little assistance at starting may not be amiss. It was the custom of our Indian predecessors, whenever an orator wished to impress a matter deeply on the minds of his audience, that he presented their representative in council with a belt of wampum. I have got no wampum left, I am sorry to say. Among my juvenile indiscretions, the one I have always regretted most (save, perhaps, having once in my green youth supported Sir John Macdonald)—was this, that very long ago, before I had any idea of their historical or antiquarian value, I feloniously abstracted and divided among my schoolfellows certain strings of wampum given to my grandfather, Richard Cartwright, by his ancient friend and battle comrade, Joseph Brant, Tyendinaga—(cheers)—in memory of many a hot encounter, in which the two had braved Yankee bullets side by side. The offence was great, and the retribution, when I was found out, was swift and great also, almost severe enough to have appeased the grim shade of the departed Indian hero, but the upshot is I have no more wampum, but

IF A CHEQUE WILL DO AS WELL,

Mr. President, the cheque is very heartily at your service. (Tremendous applause.) And now, my young friends, in conclusion, I have but a few words to say. I have digressed a little to dwell on the social possibilities of your club, but recollect that at this especial moment your main duties are political, and that you are first of all a political association, who have enrolled yourselves as volunteers in the good cause of freedom and liberty.

Sir, there is work enough ahead just now for all Canadian Liberals, young or old. We have fallen on very evil days. I do not deny that there has been some considerable material progress in Canada in the last few years, however much I may repudiate the impudent falsehood that such progress is due to the policy of doubling or trebling your debt and your taxes. It is impossible but that a good deal of progress should be made in any given term of years in a country such as ours, inhabited by a fairly in-