

will at no distant day double its present population. Villages, towns and even cities, in a very few years, will rise into being where now there is scarcely an inhabitant. There are many families at this moment in various parts of the country who have a strong desire to see the simple gospel extended, and willing to give as the Lord has prospered them to help forward the good work; and I am quite sure that we have in many localities a more favourable opportunity of planting churches than some of the other denominations who are far stronger and more numerous than ourselves. What we want in our new and rising country is men—men of muscle, of bone, of brain; educated men, men of talent, of energy of determination. We want men of piety, men who love the Saviour, and the souls of men. We want those in the field who are willing to do missionary work, and who are willing to forsake father and mother, brother and sister, country and kindred, houses and lands, and, if necessary, all that is near and dear to them on earth, for Christ and his cause. We don't want those who shrink back from facing difficulty to enter the missionary field. No; those who come must come over and help us, and they can only help us by hard labour. There are some people who fancy that any kind of preachers will do for Canada—this is a very great mistake. We want the best of your men; we want those who are learned, large-hearted, strong in faith, high in hope, and whose zeal for missionary work many waters cannot quench. We don't care whether they are Englishmen, or Irishmen, or Scotchmen, provided they are men of God, and willing to do missionary work. Give us such men, and our cause is sure to prosper. Our great difficulty hitherto, as I have said, is the want of labourers to carry on the work even in those places where we have made a good beginning. If the Evangelical Union of Scotland would organize a foreign missionary society for the diffusion of vital Christianity to the uttermost ends of the world, and give us who are trying to do a part of the great work of evangelizing the world, the help which we believe they can give us, in the shape of money and men, the results, Mr. Chairman, would be great and glorious. If there is any one denomination of Christians in the Church Militant which ought to be more hopeful and aggressive than another, it is the denomination to which we have the honour to belong. We profess to believe that the knowledge of the Lord shall yet cover the earth as the waters cover the sea; that men shall be blessed in Jesus, and that all nations shall call him blessed. We believe that God the Father loves every man, woman and child in our world, that the Lord Jesus Christ gave himself a ransom for all, and that the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh. We believe that it is his office in the economy of grace to convince the world of sin. We believe that we have a gospel to preach to every sinner on the surface of our planet; and our practice, as Christian men, as ministers, and as a denomination, can only be in harmony with our profession when we labour with all our energies for the conversion of the world. The command of the master is no empty sound, it is mere semblance of large-heartedness—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." O how delightful for us to know that there is a gospel for every creature in Scotland, in Canada, and in