

tures, with the use of steam and the telegraph, are introducing the gospel everywhere, and the darkness of heathenism and the bigotry of priestcraft are being overcome and destroyed by the light of the Sun of Righteousness, and the dissemination and knowledge of God's sacred word. The observations and experience of my life are that the wicked in the long run never prosper. That honesty and integrity is the best policy. Dare to do what is right, and place your trust in God, and you will find that the experience of the psalmist is true to the letter—"I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." I need scarcely remind you of the blighting curse of intemperance that overshadows and destroys its votaries in this and other lands—from the princely mansion of the rich to the humble cottage of the poor. It brings with it weeping, lamentation and woe. Thousands, aye, tens of thousands, every year go down to the drunkard's grave; our poor-houses, our police courts, and jails, our hospitals, our asylums, the miserable home of the pauper and the drunkard, are daily witnesses of this terrible evil. We look to you, young men, to deliver our country from this deadly destroyer of everything that is good. Once more we heartily welcome you to our city—to the capital of our Province—to the seat of our law courts, our commerce and manufactures—and we bid you God speed in your God-like work.

Mr. Macdonald said, as President, he returned thanks to the citizens through the Chairman for the cordial manner in which the members of the Convention had been welcomed to this city, and to their homes. You, sir, (addressing the Chairman) have done that in most befitting terms.

It is somewhat unusual to have a corporation welcoming a Convention of this character to their city, but though unusual, by no means inappropriate. The Rev. Dr. Duff, that great man, that prince of missionaries, whose praise is in all the churches, in this church, on this platform, and nearly in the very spot where I now stand, about twenty years ago, as he beheld a company similar in number to this rise to sing God's praise, said, "Methinks, as I look at this vast assembly met here in connexion with God's work, I see one of those fallen saints who hover about doing his master's work, flying away to the regions of darkness and saying to the great fallen one, sir, there is a great gathering to-night in the city of Toronto, the purpose of which is the overthrow of your kingdom. Ah, said the arch fiend, let them alone; they have been holding gatherings for 1800 years, and my kingdom is as stable as ever."

What a reproach to Christians, what a withering condemnation of their apathy and indifference. Yet here we have here to-night the corporate body of this city welcoming within their cor-

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