

be found as bright examples of Christian consistency as in any white congregation. The speaker paid a most touching and eloquent tribute to the memory of the late lamented Rev. George McDougall, whose labours among the natives of the North-West Territory could scarcely be enough valued. His high Christian character, his worth as a man, his labours for the Government in preparing the Indians to treat for the sale of their lands, and the abundance of his success as a Missionary were warmly spoken of; and the speaker said the Missionary Board were only prevented by lack of funds from carrying out the plans proposed by the departed Missionary.

Referring to Japan he said that lately he had heard an incident of the value of Missionary work there. Rev. Mr. Withrow, of Toronto, visiting the Centennial Exhibition, had found among the *attaches* of the Japanese Commission one who spoke English quite fluently, and in conversation with him mentioned the name of Mr. Cochran, the Missionary there. The Japanese at once exclaimed with joy that he (Mr. C.) had baptised him, and was further delighted to hear that the Society were about sending two more men there.

The Rev. R. A. TEMPLE, President of the Nova Scotia Conference, said briefly that all his love for the Methodist Church, his admiration of the Missionary Society, etc., could not induce him to make a speech in the presence of the venerable fathers and brethren from the West, and therefore he would content himself by moving the adoption and publication of the Report.

This was seconded by the Rev. N. R. WILLOUGHBY, M.A., Chairman of the Peterboro' District, Toronto Conference, who, on rising, said, though not feeling himself to be one of those venerable fathers referred to by the Rev. Mr. Temple, in fact, being the junior representative, would yet say he felt it a pleasure to be called upon here. The Committee had done well to come here, and to this church, as was shown by the appreciative audience. He had ever felt great respect for his eastern brethren, from acquaintance with those who had come to the West, and now his visit had strengthened that respect. He could well second the Report because of the fraternal feeling it expressed. In making this world God did not divide it into Europe, America, Africa, etc., it is we who have done that for our own convenience. He made of one blood all the nations, and redeemed them all by one Christ. For the joy and hope it expressed he commended it; where this religion goes there it spreads happiness. A man may live a very short time and live a great deal. It is not always the best people who live the longest. Sometimes God does come and take the ripest fruit to the garner. Those who are blessed by a knowledge of higher things, elevated spiritually to a higher plane, have sympathies and feelings that they who know not the Gospel can never know. The speaker said he did not believe the man lived on earth who does not believe in God—perhaps not in our God—but bound up in all natures is an instinct that there is a God and a future life. How many thousands there are in the world now who, with hearts bursting to know God, have never known of Christ, thirsting for they know not what. Mr. Willoughby spoke earnestly and logically.

The Rev. JAMES DOVE, President of the Newfoundland Conference, then moved the following resolution:—

“That this meeting, with fervent gratitude to Almighty God, acknowledges the peaceful harmony and general prosperity existing throughout the Dominion since the union and confederation of Methodism, and trusts that the spirit of Christ thus resting on the churches will yet be more fully