

this missionary work. They were influenced by the best and purest motives—the desire to save souls from death. He prayed for them the fullest measure of success.

The Rev. J. G. MANLY, (Congregational) next addressed the meeting. He said he was reminded of years gone by, when he was a Wesleyan missionary on the Ottawa. He felt much interest in this missionary movement to the North West. He had been much interested in the remarks made last evening by the brethren who were going from amongst us. He thought the world had no more magnificent spectacle than that presented by the Protestantism of this country. He congratulated the brethren who were going to the North-West. He had confidence in the doctrines they would proclaim, and he hoped yet to join in rejoicing over their success in that distant field.

W. BEATTY, Esq., M. P. P., briefly addressed the meeting. He felt it to be a high honor to bear the humblest part in this great work, for he believed the spirit of Missions to be the spirit of Christianity. He was delighted to see so many representatives of sister Churches present. He thought that, as a country, we had a duty to discharge toward the North-West territory. It was ours to go up and possess the land. He thought we were doing right in sending the missionary first, and the settler next; and then we should not need to send the army at all to protect the settler from the savages—the gospel would be their best protection. He believed we should soon hear glorious tidings from the brethren who were going on this missionary work.

The chairman, in a view complimentary remarks, introduced

The Rev. W. M. PUNSHON, who was greeted with great heartiness. He felt disposed merely to talk a little. He rejoiced in the eminently family character of the meeting, con-

taining representatives from so many denominations. It would be visionary to expect the absorption of all sects into one, nor, perhaps, would it be desirable, but there might be real spiritual unity, nevertheless. The Church should be an "army with banners," each with its own device. Great enterprises was the best thing to produce unity, for when people are doing great work they have no time to quarrel. He loved other Churches, but he loved his own best. Just as we admire the brilliant Republic, but we sing—"God save the Queen," nevertheless. Mr. Punshon then referred to the circumstances of the hour, and spoke, in touching terms to the brethren who were going forth, paying a well-deserved tribute to the noble wives of the missionaries, who, without murmuring, were accompanying their husbands to the Mission field. He urged upon the audience to sustain them by liberality and prayer. He referred to the plan adopted by the London Missionary Society to raise needed funds, namely, enlisting the young men of England in the work, and recommended a similar method. Suppose 4,000 young men would pledge themselves to raise \$5 a year for the Missionary Society, and pay over the same by the 1st of July, so that bank discount and other similar expenses might be stopped, the whole debt of the Society would soon be extinguished. Mr. Punshon proceeded, in a most beautiful strain, to speak words of encouragement to the missionaries, and asked the prayers of God's people in their behalf. Mr. Punshon, on resuming his seat, was most enthusiastically cheered.

The chairman announced several donations, as follow: \$25 from Mr. Lewis, of Belleville, and \$10 from a journeyman printer of Toronto, the latter to be continued annually.

Dr. Taylor announced the collection of last evening at \$180. He earnestly invited contributions for the work.