

faith in this living Christ, as living Christians. Lively faith will bring the blessing down which only living churches can claim. Has it never struck you that the missionary enterprise is an offshoot of Christianity? Only various forms of this living religion have this spirit of enterprise. Sadducees have no missions—how can they, when they have no immortality to proclaim? Infidelity has no missions—why should it, when it only thunders out the everlasting “No.” Philosophy has no mission—Pythagoras and Solon crossed the seas to learn, but not to teach. Those only who have tidings of life, and light, and power, which are worth proclaiming, are baptized with the missionary spirit and aims. Now, in the objects brought before you to-night you have the Education Institution in Manitoba; you have the new Mission to Japan, and you have, as Mr. Borland has presented it, the claims of the French and Indians in Lower Canada. You will say we have too much. One will jostle against or injure another. Not at all. Here let me, at the hazard of repetition, tell you a story. It was given me by a Scotchman, and Mr. Arnot gave us the idea in Exeter Hall. Did you ever see a woman carrying a bucket of water from a well? How unsightly she is,—that is if woman ever can be unsightly—all on one side, one shoulder high, the other low, disproportionate, without symmetry, a one-sided and uncomely piece of humanity. How are you to restore the symmetry? Give her two buckets to carry, and she walks perfectly straight. From my experience of the Canadian people, I have every confidence in their faithfulness and devotion in every good cause. You have a right to be thankful for being Canadians. If the Roman citizen gloried in his citizenship so should you, from higher motives, in yours. If he would say, “Civis Romanus sum,” you assuredly may say, “Civis Canadensis sum.” Your country is large and great, but not by size is greatness measured. The best foundation for a great nation is the religion of Jesus. Your country, yet young, is not yet corrupted as many of the cities of Europe, and already some in the United States. No ridicule is yet heard in this land when an appeal is made to God or

Gospel motives, and there is so far a national respect for religion. Mr. MacDonald, in his remarks about Manitoba, and the church and coming institutions, is sure to have some scheme in his head. As Mr. Elliott told us, in giving we should stick to it, and I like that way of putting it. If you belong to the Methodist Church you may be sure they will make you stick to it. Now there is a luxury in the habit of giving, that is continuing to give, not a large sum once for all, and live on the reputation of it ever after. “The three day’s praying” of a rich man before he was able to do his duty in giving would probably be only at the first; the second time it would be easier, until eventually he would reach the beautiful unconsciousness of his own good deed, that is, it would be done so sweetly and regularly that he scarcely knew what he was acting, just as physicians say the healthy man is not conscious of his own limbs, they move so perfectly and so regularly. Now, why should not good habits be as powerful as bad habits? It is not the man who gives the largest sum that can always be accounted as giving most, but the man who leaves least in his treasury. I do not ask the question what has he given? but what has he left? I am no tax commissioner, and cannot tell you what your proportion may be. This I know, that since I adopted the principle of proportionate giving I have not wanted the opportunity of giving, neither have I been without the supplies required. I wondered, after the unexpected circumstances of to-day, if an appeal was not at hand. Well, it has come, and I am willing to say something, if I cannot do as those who have already given their \$250. Put me down \$75 for the Institution in Manitoba, \$75 for the Mission to Japan, and \$85 for the Indian and French work in Lower Canada. (Applause).

The amount of collections at the Anniversary services was \$130.

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