

country, and the new countries, and considered that the Church would be a great factor in that operation. Having sketched in brief the history of Canada, "The Land of Promise," he remarked that the French-Canadians were a unique people, honest, intelligent, and industrious, while he had only to mention the name of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to prove how thoroughly loyal they were to the British Crown. The secret of their loyalty was that under the Constitution, their liberties, their language, their religion, and their laws were guaranteed and protected. To a man, however, they were Roman Catholics, and consequently the Church of Rome was very strong in Canada; it embraced about 40 per cent. of the entire population. In Eastern Canada the conditions were different, though the Church there was a proof of the good work done by the S.P.G. in the last 200 years rather than an illustration of its present work. In the Eastern provinces there were no less than nine self-supporting dioceses, with between 800 and 900 clergy, which might be traced to the planting and nursing care of the P.S.G. And this was, after all, only a part of the society's work; in Australia, and in other parts of the world. He described the needs of the scattered dioceses of the north and west of Canada, where new settlers were poor, including Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia; and to show that assistance would not be rendered to the churches in these dioceses a day beyond the time when they could support themselves, he pointed to the independent churches in Eastern Canada, and mentioned that these were now not merely self-supporting, but rendered considerable help, through their own Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, to the struggling churches in other parts of Canada, and also to missionary effort in Japan. These daughter churches of the Church of England would, no doubt, in time themselves become the mothers of churches, and the great work would go on until the vision of the prophet would be accomplished, and "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea," and Christ should "have the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession." (Applause.)

The Mayor, in proposing a vote of thanks to the deputation and to the Chairman, said he was sure they heartily welcomed Canon Brown to Cheltenham, not only for the eloquent speech he had delivered, but because they saw in him a patriotic son of one of the distant parts of the Queen's Empire. (Applause.) Those of them who lived in Cheltenham would also like to recognize the way in which men like Canon Hutchinson and Canon Childs were upholding the Church in their midst; and as Mayor of the town he should like to acknowledge what they, and the other clergy, and the ministers of all denominations, did in the promotion and preservation of peace and harmony in the town. (Applause.)

The Rev. G. Gardner, seconded, and thanked Canon Childs for the admirable arrangements made for the children's service at Christ Church on Sunday afternoon.