

their number, or lowering their incomes from the Board. In our struggle of faith against an alternative so humiliating to ourselves and so calamitous to them, we have determined upon a fresh appeal; and by infusing new life and vigour into the missionary spirit of the Churchmen of this city, give a fresh spur and impulse to the energies of our brethren every where else.

This meeting, my Christian friends, is meant to draw out and concentrate the vigour and liberality of the Churchmen of Toronto in our missionary cause. We have considered this massing of our religious strength and energy preferable to the separate and isolated efforts of the several parishes of the city. We desire one great outburst of sympathy for our missionary work,—one grand and united endeavour to push on our glorious cause to the full extent of its duties and its claims.

In soliciting this union of our brethren in Toronto, we have, in the presence of a distinguished prelate from our sister Church in the United States, the manifestation of a grander union. We have pleasant proof that not only shall a city or a diocese be united in this work, but that the Church Catholic is ready to respond to the claim, and shew that our aim and our work all the world over is one. We heartily welcome our right reverend brother, who, on this occasion, has come over to help us. And while we so warmly appreciate, and are so thankful for his good-will and his services on our behalf, we heartily bid him God-speed in the great work in his own land, of which he is so able and so zealous a promoter in the distinguished position of an overseer of our one Apostolic Church. We have, as members of this Church, but one spiritual pulse; and its ebb and flow in this little corner of Christendom will be felt to damp or quicken the holy sympathies of our brethren every where.

REV. DR. BEAVEN having been called on by the Chairman, in making a brief report of his deputation to the General Convention of the American Church, made the following remarks:—

It will be in the recollection of some now present that I proceeded last autumn to Philadelphia, to attend the meeting of the General Convention, as the representative of the Lower House of the Provincial Synod. The Metropolitan of Canada had been requested to preach the sermon at the opening service of the Convention, and he was accordingly requested by the Synod to be the bearer of its address of fraternal sympathy to the Convention; and I was deputed by the Lower House to go to Philadelphia, and support the presentation.

When I arrived at Philadelphia I found the opening service begun, and I shall not forget the very striking scene presented in the large church in which they met; the venerable Bishops, to the number of near 30, placed in a semicircle round the chancel and behind the communion table, and the large church crowded with a congregation of both sexes, largely composed of intelligent men, joining generally in hearty responses, and in the singing and chanting, and exhibiting in their attitude, especially during prayer, a deep devotional feeling.

During my stay in Philadelphia I had many opportunities of observing the powerful influence of union in one Church and of consequent Christian charity on