

then, further, we cordially welcome them as citizens of another country, yet, at the same time, kins-folk and fellow subjects of the Spiritual Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I believe, sir, that the interchange of Christian sentiments in connection with the cause of Christ, and the personal intercourse of Christian people from the two nations, will do far more than anything else to promote those feelings of unity and peace and good-will in which all right-minded men will rejoice, and which I trust will ever prevail. (Applause). I have long cherished the idea—and I do not see why it should not be realized—that these two nations—one in blood, in language, in religion and in liberty should unite as one to spread the blessings of civilization and religion and true liberty over the earth, (Applause), and help to hasten on the glorious time when “the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and, all nations shall flow unto it;” when no man shall need to say to his brother, “know the Lord, for all shall know him from the least unto the greatest.” I will not detain this meeting longer, but will conclude by again cordially extending our welcome and congratulation to all the members of this Convention, and to all our friends from the other side, hoping that they will have much pleasant intercourse with us and much profit also from this Convention. (Applause).

Rev. WM. H. POOLE, of Goderich, then replied on behalf of the delegates from Canada. He said:—

*Mr. President and Christian Friends:*—We give the very best evidence of our appreciation of your invitation by accepting it, and coming here to enjoy your kindness, your homes and your hospitality. We esteem it one of the first duties we owe to this great country to respond heartily to every call of duty, and to come forward and take counsel with one another, in regard to the carrying on of the great work of Sabbath-Schools. We receive a great deal from this city in the way of education. Our excellent educational system which extends over the whole country finds here a centre. From this city there goes forth an influence which is felt in every school in the land. If this is the case in connection with secular education, why may it not be so in connection with the religious instruction of the young? Why may there not go forth from this city as a centre an influence which will be felt in every Sabbath-School in the land? But you should remember that whilst we in the country receive much from the city we also send you back a great deal. We have sent you many of your best men from our common and our grammar schools to fill your pulpits, to stand at your bar, and to occupy high positions in the medical profession. We are furnishing you men every year in all these various departments; so that there is a principle of reciprocity here: while you send us influences we send back men. We are here to collect those influences which shall go forth with us, enabling us to be still more successful in the great work of bringing the youth of our land to Christ. I hope the influence of this meeting will be felt in every Sabbath-School in the country, filling the hearts of all with greater love for the lambs of Christ’s flock, and leading us all to go forth with renewed energy to obey the command of Christ, “Feed my lambs.” I will not longer detain you, but will conclude by thanking you most heartily in behalf of the Canadian delegates whom I have the honor to represent, for the very cordial reception we have received. (Cheers.)

The President then introduced

Hon. THOS. F. FLAGLER, of Lockport, N. Y., who replied on behalf of the friends from the United States. The honorable gentleman was loudly cheered on coming forward. He said:

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:*—On my own behalf, and on behalf of those who with me have come from our respective homes across the lines to attend this gathering, I feel pleasure in returning our thanks for the kindness