

but partially acquainted with the truth as it is in Jesus."

Mr. JOHN MACDONALD, in moving the resolution, said,—That I am to be followed by the President of the Conference is the best reason why my remarks should be brief. Health, wealth, friends, every blessing comes from God. No man can or dare say that his own hand hath gotten him his substance. All have been received from God, and God will hold every man responsible, not for health and wealth, and friends merely, but for position and influence. Look where we will ever see order, harmony, and beauty, combination and adaptation to a given end, all intended to promote man's happiness. God gives as a God, munificently, abundantly. No calculations how little can be bestowed, how much withheld, but from the abundance of his own love he dispenses good, even to his enemies. Even trials are but the precursors of triumphs; and if we are called for a while to pass through the valley, it is only that we might be all the better able to shout upon the mountain top; and then for God's people

"There is a blessedness that changeth not,  
A rest with God, a life that cannot die.  
▲ better portion, and a brighter lot,  
A home with Christ, an heritage on high."

If God does so much for man, what does man do for his fellows? Clearly the grand lesson which God's dealings with his people is intended to teach is this: "Freely ye have received, freely give." "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." When I state that the Wesleyan Church of Canada raises a larger amount of money annually for Missionary purposes than any church in Canada, I say nothing that can give any member of any other church any offence. I say it to deprecate the efforts of no other section of the church; I simply state what is true; and yet I have some doubt about the application of our Missionary money, for some places we do too much, for others too little. I mean in what is called the domestic work; and yet upon the domestic work, as a whole, we do too much, and upon our foreign mission work too little. That some domestic missions receive more than is needed, we require no other proof than

the noble conduct of the brethren on the Ottawa District, who actually returned a portion of the amount appropriated by this committee for them last year, and that in view of the loss they had sustained by destructive fires. A worthy example which many of our domestic missions might follow with great advantage to the funds. We have been doing many of our domestic missions harm. We have been keeping them dwarfs when they ought to have been enjoying a vigorous manhood. We have been keeping them dependent, when they themselves ought to have been stimulating others by their benevolence, self-sacrifice, and energy. I am persuaded that if to-day we were more engaged in the foreign work, and a considerable amount withdrawn from our domestic work, our income, in a very short time, would be vastly increased. Do not let me be misunderstood. I would have our agents first in all our new domestic mission fields, such as Muskoka now is. I would send them the gospel, and help them to pay their minister. But I would teach them that the gospel of Christ taught them that they should do this themselves as soon as possible. "Habit is said to be a chain never felt until it is too strong to break." Many of our domestic missions have got into the habit of looking for Missionary money with as great certainty as one looks for the Spring time or autumn, and nothing but a determined effort to see ones duty, and to do it, will enable them to be self-reliant, and thus grow to the full stature of perfect men. Take the crutches away from that boy whose face is pale, and whose sinews are wasting: let the light of heaven shine upon him, let him feel the warm beams of the sun, help him to use his limbs, and they will gather strength, color will come to his cheek, and he will feel to bless you. Many domestic missions to-day who receive help from this Committee, should say, "Take this money which you have been giving from year to year to sustain us, take it to send the gospel to the regions beyond, and we will support ourselves." We have been speaking in the Committee,—I may say without violating any rule,—of sending a missionary to Japan, and Rev. Mr. Sutherland has been speaking of our sending one to Italy. I think,