

thriving daughters, the United States, this Dominion, Australia and New Zealand. But I shall become too prolix if I pursue this theme at greater length. I both hope and believe that the name of Canada will excite among its children the same enthusiasm which that of the dear old mother land does in our case. But the reason for the existence of this society will never pass away. There will be always a certain quota of English natives flocking to these shores. Many of these may only stop here en route for the great North West. But it is a great thing for them to feel that they have not landed among strangers, that they hear the familiar tongue, that they meet with encouraging kindness and hopeful assurances, that they are helped on their way if necessary, and that they cannot say: "We see not our tokens," for many things serve to show them that they are among the subjects, of our gracious Queen. Whatever may be the political future of this great and growing Dominion, I know not. For me to enlarge on my own personal views would be out of place, and would be an abuse of the privilege which I enjoy in addressing you. But whatever may be in store for this promising young nation, I cannot see why, under any contingency, the St. George's Society should not exist, and carry on the good work that it has been doing in the past. In the old Greek days, when a colony determined to found another colony, it always invited some representative of its mother country to head the expedition. This was a beautiful act of courtesy, and an expression of filial regard. We, in Canada, to a certain extent, carry out the same idea, by receiving as our Queen's Viceroy and representative, some British statesman.

You will be able to read for yourselves the 58th annual Report of the Society's proceedings. I will only therefore briefly revert to the work done in the past year. The sub-committee of charity deserve our warm and sincere thanks for the amount of assistance given to those in want, and also for the economy displayed in the administration of the funds. The amount paid out during the past year has been \$391.61, which includes a Christmas dinner to twenty-five families, transient relief, clothing, fuel, etc., and a number of persons assisted to various places. Then there are donations to four charitable institutions, as the Finlay Asylum, the Ladies' Protestant Home, the Women's Christian Association, and the Jeffery Hale Hospital, of \$50 in each case. Our