

May God, out of the richness of His grace, give us the blessings we need, that we may have courage to proceed in His strength with the work that lies before us. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—I have now much pleasure in introducing to you Rev. Dr. Cochrane, the pastor of this church, who will also address us for a short time.

Dr. COCHRANE.—I think I am a little oftener in this place than the Mayor (laughter), still I feel honored that I have been given the very pleasant task of welcoming you to the hearts and homes of the good people of Brantford. First of all, I must congratulate Mr. Hossie on his elevation to the Presidency of this Association; I have no doubt he will fill the position with profit to you, and with credit to himself.

That reminds us of a story I once heard, and I think I may take time to tell it to you now. When the Marquis of Lorne was married to the Queen's daughter, the event was discussed by two Highland fishermen, one of whom remarked: "Eh, Sandy, but the Queen maun be a prood woman the day; to have a dochter married to a son of the Dook o' Argyle." (Laughter.) And that makes me think that Mrs. Hossie must be a very proud woman this day to see her husband raised to this high position. I remember in Atlanta, when the Governor of the State said that he left his chair of state to come to teach his Sunday School class, that he did not call it coming *down* to teach that class, but he thought it was going down when he returned and assumed the cares of the office, high though it was. (Applause.)

Now, I have been asked to-night to give you a cordial welcome in the name of the Christians of the city of Brantford, and I do so most heartily to all those who have come to attend the Sessions of this Convention. His Worship said something about the obliteration of denominational lines; I am sure he is right in looking to the Sunday Schools of our land to accomplish great things in this line (hear, hear), for if there is anything that will weld the hearts of Christians together, surely it is that we come together to consult as to the best means to be employed in teaching the young the ways of Christ. I have very little faith in a committee appointed by any Church to bring about union; but I have some faith that when we stand upon the same platform, with common hopes, common aims, and common fears, that this will do a great deal more to bring us closer together than any mere mechanical arrangement. (Hear, hear.) We shall feel, as we meet together, how slight are the denominational differences that keep us apart, and it will be said of us as it was said long ago, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." I trust, indeed, that this may be your experience.

But there are conventions and conventions. At some of them we meet and talk all about the questions that are in our minds, but there seems to be a lack of power, and we go home bewildered, and con-

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