

ADDRESS OF REV. DR. SPALDING, AT FOURTH ANNUAL  
MEETING, CANADA FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,  
FRIDAY, JANUARY, 31st 1862.

The Rev. Dr. Spalding, of Newburyport, in the first place paid a tribute to the memory of Dr. Dwight, of Constantinople, who was to have been present, but who while on his journey here, had been suddenly translated to join the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. If such a thing were permitted to glorified saints, he had no doubt the departed Missionary was present with them here this night. Missionaries from Britain and America standing shoulder to shoulder in Turkey, India, Africa and China, had long constituted a cordial bond of union between the Christian people of these two nations, and he had no doubt this influence of missions had much to do with calming the angry waves of political differences and strifes. The Labrador Mission furnished a striking instance of the fraternizing power of missions. Rev. Mr. Carpenter belonged to both countries and was equally loved by each. About 200 seamen go from Newburyport annually to the fisheries on the Labrador coast near the mission house on Caribou Island, and they value the mission very highly. Rough and careless as many of them were, they revered Mr. Carpenter, and Miss Brodie was the sailor's ideal of a Christian woman; in fact, from what he had heard from Mr. Carpenter, and the sailors of the Newburyport fleet, he believed Miss Brodie to be endowed in no common degree with the missionary spirit. He (Dr. Spalding) had been visiting the Nunneries in this city, but he doubted if among all the religious ladies of the Church of Rome there was one more thoroughly self-denying and charitable than Miss Brodie. It was a great privilege to sustain such a missionary. Both the Missionaries of this Society were thoroughly in earnest, and both have made great sacrifices. When Miss Brodie decided to remain alone on the coast through this winter, on account of the children of her charge, instead of returning with Mr. Carpenter, to pass the winter with her friends, he thought she displayed a Christian heroism worthy of all honor. No nun made greater sacrifices than these. The Labrador Mission has a two-fold object:—It carries the Gospel to the inhabitants of the coast, or shoremen as they are called;—their children are gathered into school, and good books, papers and tracts, are scattered far and wide. This is an important work, although the number of persons sought to be benefited is comparatively few: "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these ye did it to me." The second object of the Mission is, to benefit the sailors who annually visit the coast. Of these, nearly a thousand annually come under Mr. Carpenter's influence. There are no sea or land-sharks, on that coast—no crimps or tavern keepers, or sailor's boarding-houses. Mr. Carpenter, in the Mission boat, is the first to board the vessels after they cast anchor for the season; and he

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