

your kind invitation and the great honour you have done me in asking me to be present to-night at the Anniversary Meeting of your Church Society. I cannot hope to live up to the good things that your Bishop has been saying about me, I shall do my best to say a few plain loving words which will go to all your hearts. I think that all will agree that we are now in a missionary era unparalleled for success since the days of the Apostles. One of the brightest facts with us to-day is that the Church has recognized her great responsibility and privilege as regards missionary work. Thirty years ago this was not so; Church and Parish being quite satisfied to look after their own affairs in an orderly, respectable way. They considered the missionary field as beyond their reach and left it to the Mother Church in the Old Country to look after it. Even the Church at home was far from active in this respect, leaving the work to independent societies and bodies. Many happy and perceptible is the change to-day. Not only does the Church recognize her commission, but she has a thoroughly organized system for aggressive movements on the world's sin and error. The change was brought home to me most forcibly at the Lambeth Conference which I attended a short time ago. There were there assembled Bishops from 194 different Dioceses, and the subject which engaged their closest attention and thought, was the prosecution of the work in the foreign field. Every energy was directed towards the fulfilment of the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Canadians may feel pardonable pride in the fact that in the matter of missionary enterprise they have almost surpassed the Mother Country. Of late years the Church has awakened to the need of uniting all its members for the good work, and to this end has pressed all good women into the service. How blind we often are, how long we take to see the most obvious truths. This at all events has been so in the matter of woman's help in the work of God. So long overlooked, their influence is now stronger than any we know of. The children, too, are taking an active part, and trained by godly wo-

men are learning that the highest privilege in life is to give freely to the Lord and Master who gave all. Now this is the perfect organization embodying the whole life of the Church. The man must be dead indeed who cannot feel the living throb begotten of this organization. We have also learnt the great lesson that our work is not all at home, but that we must reach out till the furthest corner of the earth receives the fullest light. From distant places comes cry after cry, "Come over, come over and help us." Happy are we that can help them by prayer and gift. Nor are we bound by the limits of our own land. The whole world is ours to conquer in Jesus' name. Yea, we, who but a short time ago lifted up the same feeble cry to the Mother Church, now go out ourselves to the uttermost part of the earth. This too is the most practical way, not only by gifts and prayer, but by sending our sons to the far off fields. This fact is life from the dead. If we have hearts capable of being moved they must be stirred to their very depths in bright anticipation of the greater things, God must have in store for us, if He has done so much in the past. The nature of missionary work has changed greatly in the past few years. Formerly the servants of Christ went forth to certain danger if not death. Take China for instance, formerly it was sealed and closed against missionaries, now the wall is thrown down, the power of the Mandarin broken, and the whole Empire appealing for admission of Western civilisation and Western religion. So, too, with Japan, and these two countries, comprising a population of 400,000,000, are at the feet of the messengers of the Cross. So much for the general work of the Church. The previous speaker has truly said that the story of the Quebec Society is a thrilling one that carries us back to the days of yore, when beginnings were small, but men were great, holy, consecrated. It carries us back to the time when all Canada, west of Quebec, was in the Diocese of Quebec. The Right Reverend lecturer then paid a glowing tribute to the work of the successive Bishops of the Diocese, sketched briefly what they had done, and also drew a tel-