

"3. It has a regal mission or character of Zion. It is written 'Thou shalt be a crown of glory in the land of the Lord and a royal diadem in the land of God.' The Church is to deserve and to receive the homage and respect of all other moral and Christian organizations. There is danger of thinking meanly of the claims of the Church. Very much of the opposition manifested towards the Church is owing to the moral restraints it imposes on ungodly men. Then it should absorb into itself all existing moral and benevolent societies as far as possible. 'Concentrate and consecrate' is a good motto, and this would enrich the Church's life. Let the Church have a controlling voice in the management of all associate societies.

"4. It has an evangelizing mission. Whatever might be true of foreign, there would be no need of home missionary societies were each Christian Church to evangelize its own neighborhood and each Christian be a home missionary.

"5. It has an educational mission. As the lights of the world Christians are to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. In this work we must not be 'liberal' with God's truth—the truth of the vicarious sufferings of Christ and that probation for man ends at death. We must not be too conservative however, either as to theology or as to the methods of work. Then as to the Christian ministry, we must adequately equip and support theological colleges, else we shall have no ministers, no churches, only spiritual darkness and confusion."

With the second part of the subject, "The World in the Church," the chairman said that he could not owing to lack of time discuss this matter at length.—The Church must watch its spirit. There must not be antagonism to God and His truth. This is the world's temper. So as to the maxims and manners of the world. It is harmful to resort to certain means in order even to increase our congregations. The friendship of the world over is enmity with God. This does not forbid the cultivation of our social natures or the gratification within proper bounds of our love of pleasure, but we ought to study the tendencies of our times. The heavens are even now tinted with hints of our Lord's coming in the splendor of morning; the noontide glory will soon be here. It shall come to pass in the last days that the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills, and all the nations shall flow in to it.

There were two ballots for chairman, the final result being the election of Mr. H. D. Hunter, of London, which election, on motion, was declared unanimous.

The afternoon and evening were devoted to the Missionary Societies; the corporations meeting in the afternoon, the public meeting being held in the evening. The Home Missionary Society reported first. Dr. Jackson, the Secretary, read the annual report, full of historical reminiscences and of the work accomplished during the past year. As all reports will be published in full in the forthcoming *Year Book*,

(which, by the way, is promised by the end of August), we shall simply refer to them. The work of the year reveals progress towards self-support on the part of several of the aided churches, new Durham and Kelvin having reached that point. Work is being planned for British Columbia, and \$1,000 appropriated for that purpose. The oversight of this work is meanwhile under the superintendency of Mr. Oatis, of the American Home Missionary Society, the superintendent of Washington territory, so far as this society's work pertains; and whose presence at our meeting gave interest and power. The expenditure for the year has been \$7,947, and the receipts \$7,372. Adding the deficit of the year to that of the last, we have a total deficiency of \$1,833. An appeal made during the evening realized towards meeting the same the sum of \$1,265, to be paid by October 1st, and it is hoped that the union of the Lower Provinces, soon to meet, will substantially aid. Should this meet the eye of any good friend, whose absence from the Union prevented his participating in this very laudable effort, he may hand over to his pastor any free contribution his generosity and conscience may urge him to make. We say "to his pastor" because several promises were made by pastor or delegate in view of expected church ability. It is very important to be kept in memory that this special endeavor to wipe out indebtedness is by no means to interfere with the regular contributions to the different departments of denominational work. Should such a thought be entertained, we shall have next year to face another deficit, and the last state will be worse than the first. No, this is a determined effort to wipe out a debt; the steadily increasing inflow must be sustained.

Mr. Thos. Hall, Superintendent of Missions, in his report stated that he had travelled 10,117 miles, and given 320 sermons and addresses during the past year. Mr. Hall's report also referred to the desirability of a closer working union with our brethren of the United States. The matter was taken up by Dr. Stevenson, who strongly advocated such a union, his sentiments being warmly received by the audience. At a subsequent stage of the discussion Rev. S. N. Jackson having on account of his health resigned the office of Home Secretary, a most cordial vote of thanks was given him by a standing vote, to which Dr. Jackson re-