

four or five hours each day, hearing and discussing the important papers submitted to them. There were four general evening meetings in the Queen's Hall, at which questions were discussed of popular interest. At the first His Excellency the Governor-General gave an address of welcome worthy of the occasion, conceived in the finest taste, and spoken with admirable ease and effectiveness. After a few words from the veteran Sir William Thomson, who by request occupied the position of the retiring President in his absence, Lord Rayleigh the new President took the chair, and delivered his inaugural address, which was a model in its way, travelling over the whole field of research within the scope of the society, and yet treating the subjects glanced at so that even the general listener could follow him. But the meetings which were of greatest interest to persons inexpert in science, were those which were addressed by Professor Lodge on "Dust;" by Rev. Dr. Dallinger on "Researches with the Microscope on the Least and Lowest Forms of Life;" and by Prof. R. S. Ball on "Comets." The Presidents of the several sections seemed to agree that the papers read before the Association were of uncommon merit, as a whole, which was accounted for by the fact that while no effort was spared to secure able contributions from British members, a considerable number was furnished by authors in Canada and the United States. The best results are to be expected from this meeting. A fresh impulse will be given to the prosecution of science in the Dominion, which offers as fine a field for original research as any portion of the world. British scientists will acquire new materials for their generalizations. Canada will be henceforth better known in the mother country, for every member of the Association will be a centre of light on the subject of the Dominion and will be a champion of its good name in his home across the sea. And so far as Montreal is concerned, the foundation of a gold medal in McGill University by the members of the Association, as a memento of the meeting held in the college, and the encouragement given to the establishment of a free public library, at the final meeting in the Queen's Hall, will contribute to make the occasion ever profitable as well as memorable. The citizens did their best to make their illustrious guests comfortable; but they

will be far more than repaid, if they and their children will, through the help and influence of the British Association, be put in possession of what the city most clamantly needs, a public library in which access may be had to standard works on every branch of science and art. The temper of the Association was everything that could be desired from a religious standpoint. Not a word appears to have been uttered that in the remotest way could be construed as hostile to Christianity; while not a little was said and done that was decidedly friendly to religion. In this respect the meeting was a contrast to some former ones, notably that in Belfast, the occasion on which Prof. Tyndall proclaimed his materialistic faith. It was quite in harmony with the entire spirit of the meeting that Principal Dawson, whose devotion to science is more than equalled by his devotion to Christ, and who has never for a moment faltered in his support of Revelation as reconcilable with science, should on the occasion have received recognition at the hands of his sovereign for his services as a naturalist and educationist. We congratulate Sir John William Dawson on his newly acquired honors, and trust he may long be spared to wear them for the good of his country and for the glory of the Master whom he serves.

THE JOY OF HARVEST.—Gratitude becomes us in view of the bountiful harvest from end to end of our vast dominion. In some districts the extraordinary continuance of wet weather in July and August injured the crops; but taken all in all the fruits of the earth are abundant. For another year there need be no pinch of hunger known within our borders. The industrious will have food; and famine will be kept far away. What shall we render to the Lord for his goodness! How shall we show our gratitude? Let us share our benefits, and give to Him who giveth all. Let us not forget the claims of the poor. Let us remember those who minister to us in spiritual things. Let us not forget the Lord's work in any of its departments. Love to God is best shewn by love to man. His goodness to us must ever lead us to be kind, loving and generous to all who bear His image.

Earth hath confessed her Maker's hand,
And yielded full increase;
Our God hath crowned his chosen land
With fruitfulness and peace.