

not the vicious, classes of our fellow-countrymen, to emigrate to the Promised Land.

After this, he will return to Salt Lake City to resume his missionary work. One object of his present tour is to collect funds for building a church. The lot has been already secured, and a hall built on the rear of it, which is used for preaching services as well as for the Sabbath School. Some \$25,000 will be required for the main building. We are happy to say that Montreal and Toronto each gave collections of between \$60 and \$70 at the close of Mr. McLeod's lectures. We earnestly commend this faithful and courageous witness for Christ to the confidence, the sympathy and the prayers of all to whom these lines may come. He is one of ourselves by birth and training. The people whom he seeks to emancipate are chiefly our own countrymen; so that, though the scene of these abominations is on a foreign soil, and the leaders of the great delusion are native Americans, it is no foreign cause, but one pertaining most closely to ourselves.

"A GIFT BLINDETH THE WISE."

In a recent number of the *Canadian Baptist* appeared a letter from Rev. W. Fraser, of Kincardine, who has generously offered to make a collecting-tour in Britain, partly at his own charges, on behalf of the Canadian Literary Institute at Woodstock, connected with the Regular Baptist body. The Institute contains a Literary Department for both sexes, as well as a Theological Department for students for the ministry, Rev. R. A. Fyfe, D.D., being Principal of both. Mr. Fraser's aim is to secure an endowment of \$25,000, as well as the payment of a present debt of \$5,000. After explaining his plan he goes on to say:—

"Finally, let me add, as a firm and uncompromising *voluntary*, that I mean the above for the theological department, and see no just reasons for refusing government aid to the *literary department* in proportion to the number of their scholars. Our students there, in their way to the college, through the Common and Grammar Schools, got this, and took it. Why not there? The college is but a school, and the principle is one. We should commend the government for their generous aid to schools and the general education of the people. Knox's College receives no grant so-called, but they do, on the principle above, as their students receive their literary training in the University, a *purely governmental school*. A respectable body of our people have been pleading for the removal of our Theological Department to Toronto, to enjoy the same benefit; and sure enough, if it has not gone, it is not for fear of government money in literary training. Walls and places are nothing to the principle. What is right in Toronto is right in Woodstock. If government aid were given to all the schools of the country, common and superior, in proportion to the number of their *literary scholars*, leaving their theology to their churches, it would be, under the circumstances, the best that is possible; a saving of half the money, a doing away of a crying evil, and the money of *all* fairly used for the *equal* benefit of *all*."

We can hardly think that the writer of these paragraphs speaks the sentiments of his brethren, for the Baptist institution, like that of the Episcopal Methodists in Belleville, has constantly and consistently refused to accept government aid.

But we are surprised that "a firm and uncompromising voluntary" should be even temporarily sophisticated by such arguments as these, which are exactly those that have been so often advanced by all the state-aid-receiving