

"We also record our grateful acknowledgment of the enlarged opening that has been made for evangelical labours, in the fact that since our last annual meeting, hundreds of thousands who were slaves one year ago, have obtained a complete emancipation; and in the certainty, that the obstacles which have hindered the evangelization and christian civilization of the African race in this country, are to be completely removed. While we, as a Board of Foreign Missions, are unable to enter into the field thus opened in our country, we rejoice that others are already entering in, whose labours, crowned with God's blessing, will provide new instruments and agencies to be employed by us, and by other Foreign Missionary Institutions, for sending the Gospel to all the nations and tribes of the African Continent."

Dr. Bacon remarked, that these resolutions only recognize a fact known and read of all, that slavery is approaching its catastrophe, and in that fact all men who *are men*, do rejoice.

The venerable Dr. Cox, with characteristic fun and fire, commended the resolutions, which were carried with applause. Dr. Cox remarked "Nobody said 'No' I think. If any body did, he is *nobody*."

The Board also resolved to extend its operations during the next year, to an extent requiring an increase of about *fifty per cent.* in the contributions of the Churches, the 2,000 friends present in the assembly, pledging themselves, by a rising vote, to sustain the Board in so doing. The sum of \$500,000, is the mark to be attained. Several Canadian friends joined in that vote. Will not many others, who were not present, endorse this pledge? Our Churches are suffering straitness of heart, for want of the stimulus which such a world-wide missionary work would impart. If every Church would take up an annual collection in behalf of foreign missions, our home funds would flow all the more free. Mr. Benjamin Lyman, of Montreal, the accredited agent of the A.B.C.F.M., for Canada, would be glad to forward such contributions, however small. Will not every pastor and every Church member resolve to do what he can.

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Trans-Atlantic Retrospect.

The annual conference of the EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE, held this year in Dublin, was of an exceedingly pleasant and interesting character. While the basis of its operations will necessarily be narrow, so long as the State Church exists in England, it has done, and is still doing good service, in bringing together the various classes of Non-conformists and a few advanced Episcopalians, and shewing them wherein they can agree on the common ground of faith and works. Since its last meeting the Alliance has lost one of its first and earliest supporters, Sir Culling Eardley. The report made reference to his death, as well as of other friends of the Alliance, and a resolution, spoken to by representatives of every religious body present, was carried unanimously, paying a just tribute to his memory and labours. The topic first discussed was, "What special incentives to Christian union arise from the social and religious signs of the times," and was introduced by the Rev. S. Walker, of Bristol. A paper, by Dr. Kirkpatrick, on "The recent Revivals in Ireland," confirms what we before learned, that although the excitement of the revival year has passed away, the results are permanent and blessed. There is a wonderful advance of the people in scriptural knowledge, and in the disposi-