

open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations and shalt not borrow; and the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath, if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them." These were but a few of the promises which the Book of God contained; and they were all, as it would be seen, national blessings contingent upon a national observance of the laws of God. How literally had they been fulfilled. The Jewish people, to whom they had been given, had realized them in their full sense; and they had realized as well the terrible anathemas pronounced against the nations that would not hearken unto Him, but walked contrary to His statutes. In modern times our own beloved Britain had realized the value of those promises, and had attested that they were eternal in their application as the great Author of them Himself. We are apt to speak proudly of the achievements of her army, of the triumphs of her navy, of the immense extent of her commerce, of the glorious freedom that prevails under her political institutions; but we were too apt to forget that these, after all, were but the instruments and evidences of her greatness; that the source of it was to be found in the religious character of the people, and in the national recognition of the great duty of a national faith in the great Giver of all good. (Cheers.) Great Britain was emphatically the great bulwark of orthodox Christianity in the world, and the great missionary nation which carried the glad tidings of gospel truth to other peoples. Her vessels, careering through every ocean, and sea, and river, were the bearers not only of her commerce, but of the Missionaries of the Cross and of God's blessed word in every language, for the instruction of benighted heathens. Her flag, floating proudly on every continent, on every sea, and in every harbour, was the harbinging, and protector not only of the political rights of her subjects, but the emblem of that faith once delivered to the saints. Her armies, carrying victory wherever they went, were but the pioneers of the soldiers of the cross who went out to fight the good fight of faith, under the ægis of Britain's great name. And as a result, God had fulfilled His covenant promises towards her. She emphatically had lent unto many nations, and had not borrowed. She was, without doubt, the head and not the tail. She, indeed, was above only and not beneath: and it was because she had hearkened unto the commandments of the Lord her God to observe and do them. (Cheers.) In this country we were about building up a new nation; and the lessons which we learned from the experience of the mother country were of immense importance to us. The men of property, who had a permanent interest in the Province, should be deeply concerned as to the character of the institutions which will be established here. During the last few years we had been gradually opening up for settlement the waste lands of the crown, until these new regions, this immense back country, had become so populated as seriously to have embarrassed the political discussions of the country. That back country, but a few years ago an unbroken forest, would hereafter give tone to the institutions of the country, and it was therefore of the very greatest importance that efforts should be put forth to furnish these remote districts thus early with the ministrations of the Gospel. The original design of the Church