

There are some other aspects of this important practical subject to which I should have liked to call the attention of the meeting; but Mr. Chairman I must not occupy more of the time. Permit me to say just one word in conclusion, on *eternal life*. It is the gift of God.

There is not a sinner here, or in any other part of the world, but deserves his wages. Yes his wages;—and what is the sinner's wages? "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Yes, fellow sinner, however numerous your sins may be, God does not wish to give you your wages. *Eternal life* is his gift to you, you may get it, you may enjoy it, and it will be your blame, your shame, your crime, and not your misfortune, if you fall short of it. For, "This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." O can you after such a display of Divine love as this say, Thy gifts be to thyself, I will have none of them? Rather say, Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gifts. They are *unspeakable*, in their magnitude, in their importance, in their number, in their satisfying nature, in their duration; and they may be all your own.

The Rev. G. Plowman, who was just recovering from exhaustion and sickness, induced by the lengthened journeys which, in connection with his stated labour, he was compelled to take, expressed in his address at once regret that he had not been able, on account of the causes mentioned, to be present at the Conference meetings in Toronto, and gladness that now he was privileged to meet once more his beloved brother the Rev. James Howie, and his beloved friends in Guelph. Although he no longer "paddled in the same canoe" with the Rev. brethren beside him, and the friends before him, yet his heart was with them, and in harmony with the free doctrines for which denominationally they were known. While no longer identified with them in name, he had still the privilege for which he thanked God, that he could say in public what he thought to be the mind of God; and this privilege he used, to preach those simple doctrines of free grace with which they were all in sympathy. Although he no longer bore the name of E. Unionist, yet he was conscious that he had done more to spread those simple truths without the name than with it. And if souls were saved and God glorified in the way he was now fol-