

## ECHOES OF "BOSTON, '95."

**W**HEN we remember that the opening "meeting" of the convention was held in twenty crowded churches, with some seventy selected, eloquent speakers, and then think of the subsequent five days, it will at once be realized that no full account of the convention can ever be given.

There were over fifty-six thousand registered delegates in attendance besides visitors.

Mechanics' Hall and two mammoth tents, all three holding a myriad each, were the chief centres of all the subsequent meetings. They were regularly thronged by those who could get in.

The C. E. movement is fourteen years old, has 41,220 societies and a membership of 2,473,748 from every clime and of every color—480 red, 20,300 yellow, 109,400 black and 2,243,569 white.

Of the societies, 33,412 are in the United States. Canada has 2,010, England 2,265, Wales 180, Scotland 112, Ireland 53, Australia 1,509, Africa 30, China 32, France 64, India 117, Japan 59, Madagascar 93, Mexico 23, Turkey 39, West India Islands 63, and so on until every country is represented, save five, Italy, Russia, Iceland, Sweden and Greece.

The growth of the society during the past year was greater than in any previous one, being 7,750 societies, or nearly one-fifth of the whole.

The societies of some of the principal States are: Pennsylvania, 4,139; New York, 3,822; Ohio, 2,787; Illinois, 2,446; Indiana, 1,702; Iowa, 1,563; Massachusetts, 1,809; Kansas, 1,217; Missouri, 1,133; Michigan, 1,082; New Jersey, 1,045, etc.

In the United States they are divided denominationally as follows:—

The Presbyterians lead, with 5,283 young people's societies and 2,269 junior societies; the Congregationalists have 3,990 and 1,908; the Disciples of Christ and Christians, 2,697 and 862; the Baptists, 268 and 801; Methodist Episcopal, 931 and 391; Methodist Protestants, 853 and 247; Lutherans, 798 and 245; Cumberland Presbyterians, 699 and 231; and so on through a long list.

In Canada, Ontario leads with 1,995 societies: Nova Scotia has 388; Quebec, 264; New Brunswick, 152; Manitoba, 156; Prince Edward Island, 62; Assiniboia, 53; British Columbia, 40; Alberta, 15; Saskatchewan, 5. In all, counting 5 in Newfoundland, 3,015, an increase of 1,123 during the past year.

Denominationally, the societies in Canada are divided as follows:—

The Methodists lead with 1,057 young people's societies and 122 junior societies (most of the societies known as Epworth leagues of Christian endeavor); Canada Presbyterians are next, with 979 young people's societies and 108 junior societies; Baptists, 160 and 26; Congregationalists, 122 and 36, etc.

The banner for the largest proportionate in-

crease for the year in the number of societies in in each State or Province, went to Assinobola; and so filled are our American cousins with the magnitude of their home affairs that a lesson in geography was almost necessary to let even the leaders know where it is.

The banner for the best work in promoting systematic giving went to Cleveland.

Among the subjects discussed were the cardinal principles of the C. E. movement, *e.g.*, Loyalty to Christ, and the Church; the pledge, &c.; while the great themes of Temperance, Christian Citizenship, and Missions, occupied a foremost place.

The "Union of the Church and State," in a real and blessed sense, viz: the 'duty of a Christian as a citizen, was emphasized as by no former convention. It was the theme of many an eloquent speech and the refrain of many more, and always elicited tumultuous applause. If the politics of coming years are not purer, and freedom, truth, and righteousness, more firmly established, it will not be the fault of the C. E. Society. C. E. was broadened out by one enthusiastic speaker to mean "Cities Emancipated," Country Evangelized," "Christ Enthroned."

Christian Endeavor, while it binds all together in brotherly love, aims also to strengthen denominational loyalty, and one feature of the Convention were the denominational rallies. These were held on the second day of the Convention, each denomination by itself, where they discussed the special needs and work of their own churches and countries.

The Convention of '96 is to meet in Washington, and that of '97, if the railroads will give suitable terms, in San Francisco.

**Meetings at Northfield.** Among the agencies for "bringing in the morning" are the Bible Conferences at Northfield. The thirteenth Annual Conference will be held from August 3 to 15. Several distinguished Bible teachers will be present. Any information regarding them can be obtained from Mr. A. G. Moody, East Northfield, Mass.

**Tithing.** The testimonies presented from month to month in the RECORD during the past year were read with deep and wide spread interest, and those who kindly gave them no doubt thus helped in some measure in bringing about the happy result that was attained when nearly all our leading schemes closed the year free of debt. The subject is not exhausted. There remaineth yet much land to be possessed. If other tithers will help, they may do a similar good work the coming year. Tell how you were led to adopt tithing, what you think of it, how you have found it work; and your idea as to how it may be carried out by different classes—farmers, business men, etc.