

**Better than Gold.**

CHARLES MAORAY.

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed;  
 My grief a proud man heard:  
 His looks were cold, he gave me gold,  
 But not a kindly word.  
 My sorrow past; I paid him back  
 The gold he gave to me,  
 Then stood erect and spoke my thanks,  
 And blest his charity.

I lay in want, in grief and pain;  
 A poor man passed my way;  
 He bound my head, he gave me bread,  
 He watched me night and day.  
 How shall I pay him back again  
 For all he did to me?  
 Oh, gold is great, but greater far  
 Is heavenly sympathy.

**The Montreal Convention.**

The Convention is over. The greatest evangelical conference of these later years, in point of numbers at least, has had yet another anniversary of its institution, and the Endeavorers have all gone home. The happy, laughing, singing, chattering train-loads and boat loads of young men and maidens, marked here and there by the more sedate presence of riper years, have returned whence they came, and "Montreal '93" is a thing of the past. But that is not the end, not even the beginning of the end. Enthusiasm has been kindled, impulse has been given, power has been developed, knowledge has been amplified, thousands of young hearts have been set beating a pulse quicker, as there has been opened up to them the glorious work and opportunities of the youth of these days. A new influence has been diffused throughout the length and breadth of the land; an influence incalculable great for good, and for all that makes strong and noble our religious and social life. Whatever may be urged against mass meetings as a class, the convention in Montreal has proved by its impression upon the country, by its more lasting effect upon the hearts of its supporters, its claim to the adherency and advocacy of the Christian world at large.

It would be impossible, in even a lengthy discussion, to do justice to the wonderful variety and fulness of treatment which all matters pertaining to the well-being of Christian work received at the hands of the convention. And here it will be necessary to mention very briefly one or two only of the leading features of the meeting, such as mark it out from previous gatherings of the same nature, and give it a distinctive character.

It was very noticeable the much more prominent place junior work occupied in the discussions. This is an excellent feature. The fault of most of our religious work, outside the home, is that it does not begin soon enough. The Junior Endeavor is not on at all the same line as the Sabbath School, but fills a gap the latter, except in a very few cases, has never succeeded in filling. The Junior Society is properly *educative*. It induces Bible study more intelligently, the discussion of religious subjects more freely, and the avowal of religious sentiment more naturally than is possible when such work is left to a later period. We see with approval and thankfulness, then, the larger place such work is beginning to occupy.

Attention might be called to the missionary sentiment expressed. That such feeling is growing in the Christian Endeavor Society is only to be looked for, in view of the aim it sets before itself. It was to be hoped, however, that a more definite future for the society in this direction had been outlined. The addresses on missionary literature and missionary giving were excellent, inspiring. The Endeavorers of our province could not go wrong in adopting them *in toto*. But, though the genius of the Society is against anything like organization for such a work, independent of respective churches, it was certainly within the province of the Denominational Rallies to take some steps in such a direction. This was done in some cases, but with a certain indefiniteness that will, it is hoped, be remedied at a future convention.

Space, or the want of it, forbids further notice of the particular features. The address of the Rev. Sumantrao Vishnu Kar-marker on India was interesting and highly instructive. The presence of eminent speakers, the almost perfect management of the most minute details, the wonderful variety of subjects and discussions, all contributed to make the Convention a marked success. And no sooner has its sun set than we see indications of its rise again with even more power and splendor. May '94 equal; may it even surpass, though that were difficult, "Montreal '93."

**All in His Name.**

THE local union of Rat Portage is arranging for a public meeting some time this month.

THE annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held at Detroit next month.

A NEW society of Christian Endeavor is being formed in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Douglas.

IN compliance with the resolution passed at the late Provincial Convention, all of the Winnipeg societies have appointed missionary committees.

A SERIES of district conferences, under the auspices of the provincial Y.M.C.A., have been held at various points during the past two months, and they have been helpful in association work.

MR. J. BALL, the first president of the Provincial Union, and who is now general secretary of the Calgary Y.M.C.A., has been fraternizing with numerous friends in Winnipeg for a few days.

THE executive of the Provincial Union will at once arrange for speakers for the Convention of 1894. It is likely that Secretary Baer, of the United Society, will be invited to visit Manitoba next spring.

REV. A. ANDREWS, of Minnedosa; Mr. A. P. Campbell, of Portage la Prairie, and Mr. F. P. Lewis, of Birtle, will attend the world's convention of Sunday School workers at St. Louis, September 2 and 3.

IN selecting officers, consider the adaptability of the members, and place each in that official position or on such committee which will assure the best service. All cannot be leaders; but every one can work.

MR. J. SMITH writes that all the societies in the Brandon Union are doing active work for the Master. The prayer-meetings are well attended, and the interest in and helpfulness of the same steadily increasing. The Methodist and Presbyterian Societies have adopted a regular weekly system of missionary giving. There are some points near Brandon where it is expected C. E. societies will soon be organized.

THE annual convention of the Manitoba Sunday School Association, held in Portage la Prairie the first week in July, was well attended, and the addresses and discussions were of a most helpful character. Mr. J. L. Hughes, inspector of public schools, Toronto, was the principal speaker, advocating that the true aim of all teaching should be the development of the child's mind to a consciousness of the divine.

THERE are now one hundred and five societies reported to Secretary Greig, fourteen of which are in the local union of Winnipeg. Since the late convention new societies have been formed in connection with Westminster Presbyterian and Maple Street Congregational Churches, Winnipeg; a union society at Glencross, and an Epworth League of Christian Endeavor in the Methodist Church, Emerson.