

worry. At no time during the meeting was the accommodation at the disposal of the Committee at all exhausted, and many householders, who had blindly offered to take in lodgers, were never required to give up their rooms for that purpose. This satisfactory state of things was due largely to the fact that Toronto has each September to accommodate a large crowd of visitors to the industrial exhibition, but still more to the energetic and intelligent services rendered by the billeting committee which was made up chiefly of ladies. Their experience as charitable workers was of the utmost value to the local management. It is pleasant to be able to record that no attempt at extortion was made except by one boardinghouse-keeper, who was quietly exposed and who narrowly escaped prosecution for obtaining money on false pretences. If any other Canadian city should have the honor and profit of being selected as the place of meeting for the Association, the experience of Toronto might profitably be drawn upon, not merely with respect to providing accommodation, but also with respect to holding the exhibition which has become the constant appendage to the convention. Though it was a marked success this year it might easily have been made still more striking but for two drawbacks (1) the lack of experience on the part of the local committee, and (2) the trouble and delay caused by the Customs line. United States contributors should have shipped their exhibits a few days earlier to enable the management here to get them in time, and the local committee, if they had their work to do over again, would avoid some mistakes into which they naturally fell. The exhibits were of two classes, (1) school supplies sent on as specimens by manufacturers, and (2) school work, done by pupils. For the former a charge was made with a view to revenue, but the latter was admitted free. As a whole, the display was a very interesting one and it attracted a constant stream of visitors, both domestic and foreign. Thousands of people went to see it over and over again, and it fairly divided with the meetings and the excursions the attention of the whole community. The excursions referred to were a most useful arrangement. A large steamer was chartered for short runs to points of interest near the city, and special rates were secured by the ordinary rail and steamer routes to places more remote. Thousands of visitors took advantage of these sources of recreation, and those who did so went away with recollections all the pleasanter for this agreeable form of diversion. These local excursion rates by regular routes were available for a few days after the Convention, and many strangers were thus able to