

### WORDS FROM THE LAYMEN'S CONGRESS.

Sir Andrew Fraser, who was received with enthusiastic cheers and the wave of handkerchiefs, said that when one desired to know about anything or any cause he must go to those who knew about the matter. It was the greatest impertinence for men who never saw or tested missionary work, and who never had any experience in it, to give opinions on the result of such work. When people came saying mission work was a failure, he would like to ask them if they had ever seen a missionary at work, had they ever been in the hospitals where they were at work, had they ever seen the missionaries teaching the children, helping the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, had they ever known a native missionary, had they ever heard a missionary preach? Unless a man could answer these, and many other questions in the affirmative, he could give no information on such a question. He had himself been in every province in India. He never remained long in any place without making the acquaintance of the native and other missionaries. He had heard them preach. He had been a member of a native Presbyterian church, an elder in such a church, and could therefore claim to be able to speak on the question.

Mr. J. B. Sleman, Jun., of Washington, D.C., Father of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, speaking on "Missions as an Investment," especially in regard to the work in Corea, said; although Corea was practically the latest of all nations to have the seeds of Christianity sown in it, it would in all probability be the first to become a Christian country, such was

the progress that was being made.

"On the first Sunday of our visit," he said, "we attended service in the principal Methodist church in Seoul, the capital city of Corea, where sixty-five persons were received into the membership that evening. Our surprise was even greater when we found that 45 of the 65 were men, and that many of them had been the means of leading others to Christ before joining the church themselves."

And so "there are last that shall be first, and first that shall be last."

"If we are the children of God we will live carefully and prayerfully and give freely to carry on His enterprises. If men return to men a share of their profits for the use of their capital, how much more ought we to return a share of our wealth to the great Giver? It is the duty of some men to make a great deal of wealth. It is as wrong for a man who possesses this talent to bury it as it is to bury any other talent."

He pictured the greatness of the missionary enterprise, and said that all men should have a place in this gigantic work. "We are," he proceeded, big enough for the biggest thing God intended us for, and that is the evangelization of the world. If Christian men would give the same earnest attention to the evangelization of the world as they now do to their private interest, the world could be evangelized in this generation."

We recognize too, that personality is worth more than money, and that the talents of men are to be given to God's service. We may neglect His stewardship, but that does not shut us out from the final accounting to the Giver. It is only the few who have the personality which enables them to be used for carrying the message to the heathen, but every man can take