

of our Lord to be with us all the days. The command to evangelize the world implies the ability to do it. We must expect opposition. The opium curae, the liquor traffic and the slave trade lie in cold obstruction across our way; men in the church and out of it will sneer at every effort we put forth. Do it so. Thus saith the Lord: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation." It is our duty to do what is in our power. Obstacles more serious than any that confront us now have been taken out of the way. Our labors have succeeded far beyond anything we had a right to expect even in our wildest dreams. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. The signs of the times are all propitious. The harvest of the earth is overripe; it is for us to cast in our sickles and reap. Of this issue there can be no doubt, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. In this assurance let us work and pray for the evangelization of the whole world.

Respectfully submitted.
 CHAS. LOUIS LOOS, President.
 A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.

On Tuesday afternoon Robt. Moffatt presented the report of the Board of Managers of the General Christian Missionary Convention. It contained a summary of work done during the year as follows:—

The visible results of missionary work may be tabulated as follows:

Number of missionaries and agents for whole or part time	61
Number of days' labor	16,790
Number of sermons and addresses	7,800
Number of conversions	1,287
Number of accessions by letter	914
Number of other accessions	618
Number of churches visited and assisted	181
Number of new places visited	82
Number of churches organized	26

The \$50,000 proposed to be raised for Home Missions last year was not half raised, though more was raised than during the previous year. The brethren seem determined to persevere and enlarge the work during the coming year. Appeals have been made to the Board from all parts of the United States and from Ontario. The opportunities are many and the demands urgent. It is greatly to be hoped that the Disciples in the States will realize the importance of increasing the mission funds and hold up the hands of their faithful and hard-working secretary, Bro. Moffatt.

The conclusion of the report we think our friends will take pleasure in reading, and we give it here:—

We are here on historic ground. Not far from this city, in 1809, Thomas Campbell organized a missionary society called the "Christian Association of Washington," "for the sole purpose of promoting simple evangelical Christianity, free from all mixture of human opinions and inventions of men." It was expressly stated "that this society by no means considers itself a church, nor does, at all, assume to itself the powers peculiar to such society. . . . But its members associate merely as voluntary advocates for church reformation, and as possessing the powers common to all individuals who may please to associate, in a peaceful and orderly manner, for any lawful purpose, namely, the disposal of their time, counsel and property as they may see cause." Each member agreed "to subscribe, according to ability, cheerfully and liberally, a specified sum for the purpose of raising a fund to support a pure gospel ministry, that shall reduce to practice that whole form of doctrine, worship, discipline and government expressly revealed and enjoined in the Word of God."

They appointed an executive committee of 21 members. There were perhaps less than 100 persons, all told, who adopted this constitution, called by them "A Declaration."

This was the beginning of a great religious movement, represented here by these national conventions. We are here representing three-quarters of a million adherents of this simple

faith and work. They are found in nearly every State and territory of the Union, and in Canada, Great Britain, Australia, India, Japan, and China. We are not now a "feeble folk." We have the average piety, wealth and influence of any other religious body of equal numbers. We are a great host. It may be that we are only a sleeping giant." It may be we have not properly appreciated our resources and our opportunities. This is a good time for retrospection and self-examination. We are standing where stood the Campbells, Scott, Church, Richardson, Milligan and Errett, pleading with eloquence and tears for the unity of the church, the restoration of apostolic Christianity in doctrine and life, and for the salvation of souls. Let the memory of those grand heroes be at once a benediction and an inspiration.

We hope all the deliberations of this meeting will look to enlargement. We are abundantly able to do vastly more than we have done for general home missions, without retrenching from offerings for the State or foreign work. The General Board should add largely to the missionary force in the field. We ought, the coming year, to send additional men to serve as missionaries and pastors in New Mexico, where we have none at present, to Southern California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Florida, North Carolina, Nova Scotia and New England. We speak of States from which the most earnest appeals have come during the past year—appeals for men and means—which we could not answer for lack of funds. We close the year with a debt of about \$1,800. We ought to have \$50,000 for the next fiscal year. How to raise it is a problem this Convention must try to solve.

We are grateful for all the words of counsel and interest which have come to us from every quarter. We know this work is in the prayers of thousands of brethren. We rejoice that this interest is deepening and widening. Conscious of the imperfections of our labors in your behalf during the year now closed, we present this report for your review and consideration, and pray God to give you wisdom to "divine liberal things," for only "by liberal things shall we stand."

In behalf of the Board,
 R. M. BISHOP, Chairman.
 R. MORFETT, Cor. Sec.

The annual address of the Foreign Society was delivered by President Robert Graham. It was a noble speech by one of the fathers in our Israel; the subject was, "The Sources of Missionary Enthusiasm;" these were developed by a logical consideration of the work, its agents, means and motives. The work was shown to be divine, having for its object the conversion of souls and the civilization of men. The agents were declared to be redeemed men and women. The means consecrated money. The motives, the gratitude we owe to God, and the common brotherhood of man. Among the fine sentences of the lecture was this one: "We need men to preach, women to teach, and the press to multiply the leaves of the tree of life." President Graham closed with a suggested lesson couched in some such language as this: "Let us know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified and avoid all outside entanglements; let us be prudent in the choice of agents, means and methods, and patient towards opposing brethren, and soon nine-tenths of them will come to appreciate our work and then the mission funds will be multiplied greatly and the Lord's work advanced mightily." It was well worth the trouble and expense of going to Allegheny to hear that one address, and it is greatly to be desired that the young preachers especially who heard it will treasure its words of wisdom and lay its lessons to heart.

Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Wednesday was devoted to the work of the Foreign Society. President Loos, of Kentucky University, who is

President of the Society, ably filled the chair during the day. His happy manner of putting things kept everybody in good humor. He is another of our grand old men, sound in body and in mind, and in the faith, and forward in every good work. Reports of committees on the different missions were received and briefly discussed. When the report of the committee on the China mission was being discussed, B. B. Tylor related that Dr. Macklin refused to take anything from the Board until he had fully completed his preparation for the work. He also stated that Dr. Butchart took the highest honors at the Medical College in New York.

F. E. Meigs, one of our missionaries to China, was present and gave us a very interesting account of mission work in China. He said that it takes the average man two years to learn enough of the language to enable him to take up regular work. The moral atmosphere, he declared, is terrible to breathe; his greatest difficulty was to get his own consent to remain in such a place. Bro. Meigs' description of a Chinese audience was very amusing. They never have the same audience five minutes at a time; people come and go continually; workmen come into the chapel to eat their rice at dinner time; a farmer with some produce came in and listened a little while and went out saying it was "devil's talk." We can well believe Bro. Meigs when he says that such work is great for developing patience. The school work was also described. Bro. E. T. Williams was the only missionary who kept his school open right through the recent riots. The hospital work furnished a striking story; it recommends Christianity to the Chinese more than anything else. The medical missionary gains the confidence of those he treats and also of their friends. Bro. Meigs made a strong plea for the erection of a hospital for Dr. Macklin, and at the conclusion of his speech A. M. Atkinson asked the audience to subscribe \$5,000 for that purpose; in a little while \$6,000 was subscribed. A cablegram was ordered to be sent to the missionaries in China informing them of the fact; it would take forty days to let them know by letter.

On Wednesday afternoon O. E. Garst, one of our Japan missionaries, just home from that country on furlough, spoke of the work in that field. He pleaded for the strengthening of the missionary force in Japan.

Bro. Garst was followed by Rev. F. E. Clark, President of the Y. P. S. O. E. He was very cordially received, and expressed himself in highly complimentary terms with reference to the Disciples of Christ. He stated that there are now 17,000 Endeavor Societies with an aggregate membership of 1,100,000. He answered the question, Why has the Endeavor movement flourished so? by saying that it is because it exalts spirituality, and does not try to teach religion indirectly through strawberry festivals, etc., etc.; it aims at intelligent spirituality, and a winsome, not morose, type of Christianity. It proposes to develop the missionary kind of piety. A feature of the Endeavor movement which Mr. Clark thinks will commend it to the Disciples more perhaps than to any other people, is that it opens wide the door to Christian fellowship. Some people, he said, are afraid of this, but he is not.

On Wednesday evening a number of brethren made short speeches setting forth the opportunities for mission work in home fields. The Great West—in its different sections—was presented as a field urgently demanding the presence of a large force of capable

preachers, and the wise expenditure of large sums of money in securing lots and erecting buildings for church work. B. F. Clay spoke for Salt Lake City; W. F. Cowden for the Pacific Coast; E. F. Boggess for Oklahoma; Bro. Shauman for Minnesota. But the event of the evening was an address on "The Romance of Missions" by Mrs. Jessie H. Brown. Those of our readers who heard Sister Brown in Toronto will understand what a treat the audience received. Before the meeting closed subscription cards were distributed and about \$1,800 was subscribed for Home Missions.

Thursday, Oct. 22

This day was devoted to the work of the G. O. M. C. The different committees reported—on Hymnal, on Union, on Nominations, on Church Extension, on Negro Evangelization and on Resolutions. There was a little breeze on the Hymnal question, and also on the matter of Nominations. It was proposed in amendment to the committee's report that the headquarters of the Board be removed from Cincinnati to St. Louis. A considerable number of delegates appeared to favor the change, but it was decided to refer the matter to a committee to report next year. On Thursday forenoon W. J. Loos made a speech on "The Negro Question." It was well prepared and well delivered. The speaker held that the negro is here to stay, that he is not disappearing by assimilation, and that God's hand was in his coming to America, and meant it for good. It was maintained that the negro is capable of business, mental, moral and spiritual development. Instances were given in proof of this contention. And we might say that the two coloured brethren who made short speeches after Bro. Loos helped to establish his position. A young lady who taught in the Southern Christian Institute in a few well chosen words showed that she had studied intelligently the negro question. She affirmed that the negroes may morally be divided into two classes, those who have improved since emancipation, and those who have not, but rather have grown worse.

The closing address of the Convention was given by B. B. Tylor, and was on Church Extension. It was a masterly presentation of the advantages of the Church Extension Fund. The system was clearly described, and its value, especially in the new Territories where the rate of interest is high, amply demonstrated. It furnishes a church a sympathetic creditor that lends it money at a low rate of interest, viz., four per cent. Provision is made for the security of the loan, as is most proper, and when a loan is repaid the money is sent forth to help some other struggling church. The Church Extension Fund is becoming, we judge, very popular among the Disciples in the States, and deservedly so. At the close of Bro. Tylor's remarks, an opportunity was given to the audience to subscribe to the Fund; in a few minutes upwards of \$20,000 was subscribed. This ended the business of the Convention, and the audience joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again," and when prayer had been offered, the vast audience dispersed, most of them not to meet again on this side of the river.

All in all, it was a good Convention. The flow of good feeling was very seldom interrupted. It is certain that the Disciples of Christ in the United States are a great people; it is also certain, we think, that they are but awaking to a sense of their power. It is to be hoped that the next few years will show a better organization of their forces, and a continuous increase of liberality and spirituality. The next

Convention is to be held in Nashville, Tennessee.

CONVENTION NOTES.

The Allegheny church, assisted by brethren in Pittsburg, lodged the visitors and gave them breakfast; dinner and supper were served at the cyclorama by a caterer. He charged twenty five cents a meal. It was a good plan and lightened the burden of the entertaining churches very much.

The Allegheny brethren were assiduous in their attentions to the delegates. Their minister, W. F. Richardson, was chairman of the entertainment committee. He was instant in season and out of season; ever on the alert; studying the comfort of the Convention; making his announcements concisely and cheerily. He was a model host.

We met the following newspaper men: H. McDiarmid and F. M. Raines, of the *Christian Standard*; J. H. Garrison, G. A. Hoffman and Bro. Call, of the *Christian Evangelist*; W. J. Loos, Bro. Thomson and R. T. Mathews, of the *Apostolic Guide*; F. M. Kirkham, of the *Christian Oracle*; A. B. Moore and J. J. Spencer, of the *Missionary Weekly*; and Morgan Morgans, of the *Christian Courier*.

There were present from Ontario: Mrs. T. B. Knowles, of St. Thomas; Mrs. Dr. McCullough, Mrs. W. B. Malcolm, R. W. Ballah and Tozo Ohno, of Toronto; and the editor of this paper. Tozo Ohno was very kindly received by the convention and made a neat little speech. He brought down the house as he told of being asked by some one whether he was a Disciple; his answer was, "I am not a disciple of the Disciples; I am a Disciple of Jesus Christ." Bro. Ohno's English has improved wonderfully during the last twelve months. Any of our congregations that have not yet heard him, should send for him. He may be addressed care of THE EVANGELIST office, 65 Yonge Street Arcade, Toronto.

Among those in attendance who are known by divers of our readers we recall: Mrs. Hugh McDiarmid, H. A. Macdonald, R. W. Stevenson, T. H. Capp, A. P. Cobb, J. R. Gaff, O. G. Hertzog, D. D. Burt, F. W. Norton.

The College "boys" seized the opportunity of having reunions, which, of course, included something to eat. Bethany, Butler, Hiram and Kentucky University each had its banquet. Those of us who claim Kentucky University as our *Alma Mater* supped together at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburg. It was a very pleasant affair; some twenty-five or thirty sat down together. We had as guests A. M. Atkinson, of Wabash, Indiana; R. T. Mathews, of Lexington, Kentucky, and the wives of two of the "old boys." As we had to hurry back to the evening session of the Convention there was little time for speech-making. Bro. John S. Shouse, financial agent of the University, gave us a short account of the condition and prospects of the institution. Everything is in good shape and growing better. The finances are in a healthy state, and the endowment fund will be materially enlarged ere long.

The Allegheny church has a membership of 919, and carries on three mission Sunday schools.

The Guide Printing and Publishing Co., Louisville, Ky., presented the Convention with elegant Souvenir Programs and Delegates' Guides.

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