Gems from the Great Convention

A FEW OF MANY EXCELLENT ADDRESSES

. (DETAILED REPORT WILL BE GIVEN LATER) -

Response to Addresses of Welcome on Behalf of Canada

BY REV. A. C. CREWS, D.D.

AM glad that we have the opportunity to-day of striking the international note. It is my privilege, on behalf of the Canadian delegates, to thank you for the cordial welcome which you have extended to us. From the bottom welcome which you have extended to us. From the bottom of our hearts we can say that we are glad to be here. Ever since the first meeting in Cleveland in 1892 this Convention has been attended by delegates from two countries, and at every gathering the flags of the United States and Great Britain have been lovingly entwined, emblematic of the friendship that exists between us.

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The line that separates one country from another is often called a frontier, and usually it bristles with forts, guns and bayonets. Thank God, we have nothing of the sort on this continent of North America. We have abolished the frontier, and now there is nothing between us but a geographical tier. boundary line which we could scarcely identify were it not for

the custom houses that waylay us when we attempt to cross.

There are no forts between us worthy of the name, and There are no forts between the series seem these are slowly falling into decay. Both countries seem willing to let them crumble into dust. No war vessels patrol willing to let them crumble into dust. our lakes and we are not thinking of building any.

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At the present time the war spirit is being fanned to a fame in the old world, and the people of several nations are groaning under an almost insufferable burden of taxation in supporting colossal armies and overpowering navies. It is sincerely to be hoped that this military contagion will not spread to this continent, for it is one of the greatest evils that can afflict humanity.

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Let us show to the world that international differences can be settled by arbitration without appealing to the cannon and the sword, and let our splendid inland lakes remain forever unhaunted by the destroying Dreadnaughts of war. Let us pour our money into education; into the missionary enterpression the section with the section of the prise; into the social uplifting of the people, and learn to

trust one another. A little time ago the statement was made that Great Britain and the United States, combined, could whip the world. Some one immediately asked, "What do they want to whip the world for?" Then another added the suggestion—
I think it was Bishop McDowell—that these two great nations could save the world. There would appear to be some significance in the remark when it is remembered that seven-eighths of the missionaries who are at work to-day in ron-Christian lands have been sent out by England and America. It would seem as if God had commissioned these two English-

speaking countries to evangelize the world.

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A beautiful illustration of this occurred a short time ago in Pennsylvania, when the half century of Bishop Thoburn's work in India was celebrated. During the proceedings the good Bishop was presented with two envelopes, one containing a deed for a house, wrapped in the stars and stripes, the flag under which he was born, and that he has loved so dearly throughout all his life. The other envelope enclosed a cheque for \$1,000 with which to furnish the house, and this was wrapped in the folds of the Union Jack, the flag under which Bishop Thoburn's great work has been done. That is the sort of alliance that we plead for—the two Anglo-Saxon nations uniting for the enlightenment of the dark places of the earth; for the overthrow of all forms of evil, and for the earth; for the overthrow of all forms of evil, and for the universal enthronement of our Lord Christ.

The Service We Render

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OW can I compress into a few sentences, however ardent, the service that this generation is to render to the

King Eternal? The business of Christianity is to convert the world. The first five centuries mark the conversion of the Latin races. The next ten centuries mark the conversion of the German. The next ten centuries mark the conversion of the German. It was a rude conversion, and the methods sometimes employed may be abhorrent to our modern thinking. Sometimes it was marching the legion down the Rhine, at the command of Charlemagne, and baptizing the whole crowd before breakfast. Sometimes it was the sack of a village and giving a whole people the choice of the faith or the sword, but, as

Carlyle says, "finally the business of converting the German was somehow got through with." That remains Christianity's greatest victory. That great conquest still casts its glow of triumph over the Christian hosts, and were the Church dispirited by failure it could look back to the days when Bertha carried the faith to England; when Ulfilas preached to the Goths, Ansgar to the fierce Northern pirates, and when four-Goths, Ansgar to the fierce Northern pirates, and when four-teen Czeck nobles, with their hundreds of attendants, appeared at the court of Louis and asked baptism at the hands of Methodius. It is not too much to say that since the days of the apostles no victory of the faith exceeds it. The event of such another great race conversion waits. The Jew is fair ground for a victory of the most overwheiming propor-tions. He aiready believes in the unity and holiness of God, and we who have yielded our hearts to the Rose of Sharon ought to give ourselves with such utter devotement that the sons of the men who crucified our Lord will be won back to him.

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The Chinese also are the subject of immediate expectancy. It is the last great race holding out against the cross. Win him and you have the key to one hundred victories. He will imperil the success of all civilizing projects unless soon made a friend. It was vital to the progress of medieval Christianity that it should win the Teuton. Nothing could stand against Trinitarian Christianity with ne German on etside. This Chinese race, like the German is a strategic one. He stands bewildered by the shore of his great sea. Now is the time to crowd the love, sacrifice and faith of Jesus upon this saffron-hued moon-faced race. The Chinaman is strong enough to perform the stout duties that Christianity imthis safron-nueu moon-faced race. The Chinaman is strong enough to perform the stout duties that Christianity imposes. He is ready for its vigils, its fasts and its solemn yows. He has grit and continuity. Put the Gospel into the hands of China and you will see him become the very van-guard of the church of God.

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The social question offers an unparalleled opportunity for our service. So does the entrenched liquor business. We are the men who can abolish the saloon. It is the curse malignant; the foster brother of vice; the father of just; the boon nant; the foster brother of vice; the father of just; the boon nant; the foster brother of vice; the father of just; the boon nant; the foster brother of vice; the father of just; the boon nant; the foster brother grapm of hell. It is difficult to nant; the foster brother of vice; the father of lust; the boom companion of murder; the spawn of hell. It is difficult to speak of it with the calmness befitting such an occasion as this. The saloon is the enemy of your son, your daughter, your wife, your busband—the enemy of your God. It violates all law; shrinks at no outrage upon justice; drags all indiging levings in the wife.

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The two serious proposals that I wish to make in this presence upon which every energy of the young people of the Epworth League should be centered are: (1) the reunion of American Methodists the world over have a mutual interest in each other's welfare, a responsibility in each other's conduct, and are jointly trusted with their Master's honor. We have a common history. We point with the same pride to the same great names. We have the same doctrines. Thank God we have the same Epworth League, the same hymn-book, the same love of Christ shed abroad by the spirit in our hearts. We are "One army children the same they could be in honor re-united, it would be the beginning of the end. It is in the Providence of God. Nothing can stay it.

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(2) When the Church shall have lengthened her cords A) when the church shall have lengthened her cords and strengthened her stakes so as to include every land, there still remains the hardest task of all—or getting enough of the grace of God in our hearts to live the life of faith in the Son of God. Disease germs cease to exist a few miles out son of God. Disease gering case of the pure salt air at sea, unable to maintain themselves in the pure salt air at sea, unable to maintain themselves in the pure salt air at sea, unable to maintain themselves in the pure salt late the wide and the remedy for religious lethargy, laxness and narrow-ness is to take our individual experiences out into the wide ocean of God's embracinog love. Perhaps in that catholic, tolerant, unrestrained freedom we shall soon have come to a consecration that is renewed every hour. Let us betake our-selves to the mountains. We are all hill men, if we but knew it. Let us ascend into the unfrequented paths of Christian experience and give ourselves with utter devotion to the service of our Lord. See there, as did the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, no man but Jesus only. Mount of Transfiguration, no man but Jesus only.

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One of the earliest memories of my life is of waving a flag at a company of men in blue who marched away to the front just at the close of the Civil Wâr. I thought then, and I still think, that they were marching on one of the noblest errands that ever called men to battle. They were marching to redeem a race; but as I see this new generation of the Enwarth Lasgue deploying for the according to the contract of the contract o to reseem a race; out as 1 see this new generation of the Epworth League deploying for the conflicts of the future, it seems to me that God has given us a greater commission than he ever gave to our fathers. We march to save the world, to plan the standard of Calvary on every rampart of