

me ; her memory is a perpetual inspiration ; and although thirty-six years ago I buried her out of my sight, I never make a speech, I believe, as I do to-night, without thinking of her before I begin ; and if ever I am apathetic or dull, all I have to do is to think of and speak to my mother's God, and the reality comes upon me. Mothers, you cannot measure your power, and I would like to give you advice, but cannot to-night. Let me say one thing—don't be utterly discouraged if some of them have wandered away from you. Hold with a mother's grip on the Father's throne, and plead for the Father's blessing. I bought a picture in Paris—a photograph of one of the most charming paintings in the Louvre, I think it was—a picture of Monica and Augustine ; and I cannot look at the picture without tears ; I can scarcely speak of it when I really recall it. Do you remember Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, who wept and mourned and prayed while her great boy wandered into all sorts of sin ? One night, after she had been praying for years, she saw a vision, and in her vision she saw her boy Augustine ministering in white at the altars of God ; and then she was calmed and waited. The picture which I have represents Monica and Augustine seated side by side. The marks of anxiety are on her face, the marks of dissipation on his, but on both a glow of peace and joy ; and while the great hand of the stalwart boy rests in the soft grasp of his mother, they both look up, and the light of heaven is on their faces. Pray, mothers ; pray them home ; and train the little ones so that they may not wander ; and may the Church lay hold of her childhood and her youth with full purpose to give them, from the beginning and through all the years, to Christ. (Loud applause.)

Mr. BLIGHT sang a solo entitled, "Jerusalem."

A collection was taken up amounting to \$81.50.

Mr. JOHNSON, Chairman of the Business Committee, then presented the Report of that Committee, nominating the General Executive Committee for the ensuing year ; which Report was adopted by the Convention, and the Central Executive Committee to be appointed by them were empowered to add to the number, as the interests of the work might require. (For list of names see Introduction, page II.)

Mr. JOHNSON, also on behalf of the Business Committee, moved, seconded by Mr. R. S. GOURLAY, the following Resolutions, which were adopted unanimously :

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That in the death of Hon. James Ferrier, Montreal, President of the Convention of 1857, and since then Vice-President of this Association, the Church on earth has lost a valuable member, and this Association one of its most ardent friends.