

3. The convention led to an immense circulation of sound religious reading matter all over the continent. Many of the leading daily newspapers of America were represented, many of the addresses were published in full, and, day after day, amid the torrent, often muddy, that flows deep and large from the secular press, there ran a stream of the pure river of water of life, and the good done in that way among the millions who drank thereof, no man can know.

4. There is the impress left upon the community. It was an object lesson in christianity such as is seldom seen on so great a scale. Ye are my witnesses, said Christ, and multitudes read such a gathering who do not read their bibles. All classes were compelled to take knowledge of them, and the patience, peace, purity, and gladness, that were always and everywhere manifest, could not fail to impress for good. Was a doorway packed and did they have to wait for quarter or half an hour to get out; were they in a crowded street car, stopped by the traffic; was a restaurant full, and did they have to wait hungry, in a crowd outside a locked door until throngs within could get served and make room, there was no noise, no impatience. Sometimes they waited quietly, often, when a crowd was together, they sang softly some favorite hymn, that rose and swelled, mingling sweetly and not strangely with the din of the busy street.

No pipes, cigars, or cigarettes, were seen. To saloons and hotel bars they gave no patronage, but the hotel men said they never had such a crowd, they were delighted with them. Even upon the police the presence of so much personified good nature, so different from the often harsh, stern, street life, had a soothing effect. From the Mayor, himself a French Roman Catholic, who welcomed them so kindly and courteously, to the street car conductor whose experience of them in crowded cars was something not met with every day, their visit will be long and pleasantly remembered.

5. There was, apart from the good impression produced, the proof that it gave to the world at large, of the truth of christianity. A venerable theological professor remarked afterward, "It was the grandest apologetic I ever saw". It was a living proof, such as the world seldom sees, of the power of christianity. Account for the individual love and peace and purity of each, and the earnestness and high souled, unselfish, benevolent enthusiasm of the whole, upon any other ground than that the Christian religion is a reality, and that these graces are its outcome? Impossible. When did ever other thing any give such results?

6. Another benefit, was the individual, personal uplift, that most of them must have received. The meetings for prayer in the morning, the

stirring and instructive addresses upon live practical subjects pertaining to all lines of Christian work, the stimulus from meeting and greeting so many earnest workers, and the solemn closing consecration of themselves anew to the Master's service, must have started thousands on a higher plane of earnest purpose and life. And that higher purpose is not likely soon to pass away like the morning cloud, for the convention was no band of childish enthusiasts. They were men and women who knew what they were doing. The average age of the seventeen thousand, could not have been less than twenty-five years, while many were much farther advanced in life, and in both the great essentials of campaigning, youth for energy and push and age for wisdom and counsel, the convention had no lack.

7. There is the benefit to the tens, hundreds, of thousands, who will come under the influence of these people. On one occasion all who were Sabbath School teachers, were asked to rise, and more than half, probably two thirds, of the vast audience rose to their feet. Think of the results, as with deeper earnestness and stronger faith these thousands of earnest workers scatter to all parts of the land to labor with the children for Christ.

Such are a few of the many benefits, some of them reaching far beyond human ken, benefits which eternity alone can know, benefits whose value money cannot measure, benefits some of which small gatherings cannot furnish; which accompany or flow from such immense and costly gatherings in the name of Christ. The box of spikenard might have been sold for much and given to the poor, but Christ approved of its use in another way. The cost of this huge gathering would have satisfied many a hungry one, but the expenditure in this way will perhaps in the end do far more to relieve earth's wants and woes.

There was one slightly discordant note which would not be noticed here but for the fact that such utterly false and exaggerated statements regarding it, have been spread all over the land by a sensation loving section of the press.

A Hindu, when speaking of the difficulties with which they, in India, have to contend, put Romanism and Hinduism side by side, as systems of idolatry, obstacles to true christianity. One of the French papers took it up and made a good deal of it as an insult to their religion by the C. E. Convention, and on Saturday and Sabbath nights, a mob of roughs showed their religion, or want of it, by efforts to disturb or break up the services. But the meetings were scarcely affected. I was in the Drill Hall, both on Saturday and Sabbath evening, and while occasional yells from a mob outside were heard, the meeting went quietly on, and when the hour of