

enthusiastic Canadians. Then for full seventy-five minutes the procession passed along to the splendid park where the speeches were delivered.

Bishop Burt presided, and at his right was our own General Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Chown, whose splendid presence throughout the day did his Canadian followers much honor. Many other League celebrities were

throughout the churches only time can tell. We anticipate for the Epworth League in our own land and in the adjoining sister country many years of continued and increasing usefulness in the growing activities of the Methodist Churches throughout the world.

For this Convention was something more than American or Canadian. It was international in a larger sense than

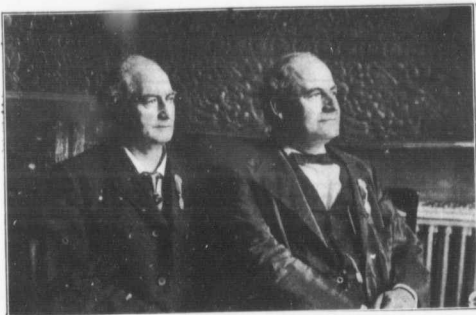
or by whatever name they may be known among their fellow-laborers in the vineyard.

Led by the Spirit of God and inspired by the unflagging heroism of their fathers, may the coming generation of young Methodists all over the world well sustain the glorious records of the past and prove themselves worthy scions of a right noble stock. That such may be realized in the coming days we are assured our readers will most fervently pray.

### General Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the General Board was held in the Board Room, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, on July 7 and 8. Both the General Superintendents were present during parts of the sessions. The main business was the reception of reports covering the year's work. These showed that on the whole the Board has had a prosperous year. We shall not review the statistical returns here. They may be found, as tabulated by Rev. C. D. Baldwin, General Conference Statistician, farther on in this paper, and will show that numerically both Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies have made some very substantial increases through the year.

The General Secretary's report on Teacher Training recorded certificates issued during the year, 928. These are distributed among Ontario, 779; Quebec, 7; New Brunswick, 11; Nova Scotia, 24; Newfoundland, 7; Manitoba, 59; Saskatchewan, 9; Alberta, 15; British Columbia, 17. The certificates cover in each case one section



Rev. W. F. Wilson, D.D.

Hon. W. J. Bryan.

WHY THE CROWD YELLED "BRYAN!"

there, of course, but as this is not a minute of the proceedings we cannot record them all.

The speakers of the afternoon were our own Rev. Dr. W. F. Wilson and Rev. Dr. Du Bose, of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church. When Dr. Wilson rose to speak he was greeted with great applause and scores of voices shouted "Bryan." The reason for this will be apparent if our readers will consult the accompanying photo of the two gentlemen taken together. The likeness is very striking and the enthusiastic admirers of the great American publicist fell right in love with the eloquent Canadian orator at the start. And they had no occasion to withdraw their admiration as the speech proceeded, for Dr. Wilson during the fifteen minutes of his splendid address enthused them to a very high degree, and on taking his seat at the close was greeted with quite a remarkable demonstration of popular favor. The writer was repeatedly told that he might secure Dr. Wilson as often as he pleased for any future similar gathering and that everybody would applaud the choice. Dr. Du Bose followed with one of his characteristic eloquent addresses, and the celebration was pronounced the best all round Fourth of July that Buffalo had ever seen.

Taken all in all we think some similar verdict may be given for the whole convention. There have been larger Epworth League assemblies in the past, but we doubt if ever convention sessions were conducted throughout with greater seriousness of purpose or attended by more practical results. How far-reaching these may be in the future life and work of the League

any of its predecessors. The presence and addresses of the Rev. W. B. Fitzgerald, who brought the greetings of the Wesley Guild, remind us of the universal mission of Methodism, and to cement our hearts together as representatives of a world-wide order that, whatever its distinguishing sectional name may be, is after all part of the mighty host knowing no lesser field of labor than was set by our illustrious



A SMALL SECTION OF THE MULTITUDE SURROUNDING THE STAND.

founder when he said, "The world is my parish." Mr. Fitzgerald was assured of the affection of the young folk of Methodism on this continent for the Mother Church in the Old Land, and carries back with him across the sea the best wishes of all who are one in spirit and purpose in winning the world for Christ, wherever they toil

or part of the Teacher Training course. Seventy-seven diplomas covering the whole course have been issued to successful students during the year. A total number of 2,367 certificates have been issued during the three years in which the Teacher Training Department has been in operation. There is a present enrolment of

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