

getting a place prepared for her. We have her so we can get at her keel. She will need a new keel and some planks. We shall have all the ballast to take out, and shall have to put in some machinery, and indeed she needs a great deal of fixing up. I hope our friends will come to our help in this our time of need. We shall go to work and fix her up, expecting their help.

FIRE AT SAUGEEEN.

OUR readers will regret to learn that the Indian Mission church and outbuildings at Saugreen have been destroyed by fire. Providentially the mission house escaped. We have no particulars as to how the fire originated, but the church is a total loss. This is the more to be regretted, as the Indians have recently expended some \$330 in improvements. Under date of March 18, the Rev. Wm. Savage writes as follows:—

"We are once more getting settled. I am cheering our Indians as much as possible, but they feel the loss of their two churches. The old one was what they built as they emerged from the darkness of Paganism into the light of the gospel of Christ. Upon the one they built twenty-three years ago we have, during the last two years, laid out \$330 in renovating and in building a shed. Oh, the goodness of God! We all escaped the devouring flame as by a miracle. To cheer the Indians and keep them at work in great danger—some at the fire, others on the roof of the mission house—I went from one place to the other, and shouted, with a cheering voice, 'Remember, boys, the Lord protects; He is forever near!' And they worked like Trojans, rather Britons. I feel a little sad over the loss of some of my old books, as they cannot be replaced. They had moved with me from place to place for more than fifty-two years. . . . I suppose, at my age, I shall not need them any more; but it is hard to part with old friends."

Our Indian brethren should be encouraged to re-build forthwith. This is a case of real need, and we hope that friends all over the connexion will show their sympathy in a practical way. The Missionary Treasurers will be glad to receive and forward donations.

THE STUDENTS' MOVEMENT.

LAST month an International Convention in connection with the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions was held in the city of Cleveland. In composition the gathering was unique; in spirit and tone it was prophetic. Between five and six hundred students were present; some of them women, representing the colleges, academies and theological seminaries of the United States and Canada. Mr. J. R. Mott, College Secretary of the International Y. M. C. A. Committee, presided with singular ability, and the whole proceedings were pervaded by a devotional

spirit that promised well for the future. The most venerable assembly of divines, in synod or conference, might take many a useful hint from these young men. Not a minute was wasted; there was no unnecessary speech-making; no one was interrupted, and the chair was treated with uniform respect. The impression received by an onlooker was of a body of men and women thoroughly in earnest, who felt the tremendous responsibility involved in the motto, which was the key-note of the Convention, "The evangelization of the world in this generation." It may be well, in this connection, to explain the motto. It does not mean the conversion of the world, nor that it is practicable to all men Civilize in one generation; but it means that it is possible, in one generation, to tell the story of salvation to every human being, thus shifting the responsibility from the Church, where it now rests, and placing it upon each individual soul.

A leading object of the Convention was to promote the utmost harmony between the Students' Movement and the various Missionary Boards, and we are of the opinion that in a good degree this has been realized. The evident aim of the leading spirits in the movement is to work through existing organizations wherever this can be done; and the volunteers were strongly advised to offer themselves to the Boards of their respective Churches, in preference to striking out on independent lines.

No one could be present at such a convention and fail to be impressed with the grand possibilities of the movement. From its inception, over 6,000 have volunteered for the foreign field; but for the first two years no record was kept, and many names were lost. At the present time over 4,000 names are on the roll, of whom 300 have been sent already to the field. It will interest our readers to know that of the entire number of volunteers, some 300 are from the colleges and universities of our own country, and that Canada has the honor of having sent the largest *pro rata* number—ten per cent.—to the foreign field.

A full report of the Convention will shortly be published, when we hope to give some extracts from the papers and addresses.

FIVE DAYS IN THE CREE CAMP ON THE PLAINS.

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IN September the Crees in treaty six, Battle River, received notice from the Commissioner that for two months (November and December) they would not be rationed and must support themselves. The news caused excitement and dissatisfaction for a time, but eventually all submitted to the inevitable, and