

pages. It deals with the purpose, work, problems, perils, results, policy, and needs of the movement. It narrates its history for the past three years. For the first three years of its existence the movement was not thoroughly organized, and a considerable proportion of those who volunteered have been lost sight of. All these the Committee has removed from the roll. They now know, and have the records of 3200 Volunteers. One of the perils of the movement is the unwise and often misleading use which missionary speakers have made of the mere numbers, leaving unforced the spirit behind the numbers. It is not the aim of the movement to merely increase the *number* of Volunteers. It wants to increase the missionary spirit among the Colleges. I believe that the number of Volunteers could be doubled within a week if the Church would only awake to a sense of its full duty. But even now there are Volunteers in 477 different institutions. The influence which these have in deepening the spiritual life of the College is great. The movement has greatly assisted the College Y. M. C. A. in its work. It has, within three years, helped to increase three-fold the contributions of the Students' Societies to missions. There are now 686 Volunteers in foreign lands. Many are ready to sail. It is a fact worth noticing that more have sailed during the past two and one-half years than during the preceding five and one-half years of the movement's existence.

The movement of itself sends no men to the field. It works entirely in harmony with the Missionary Boards of the various denominations. It remains with the Volunteer to decide what Board shall send him out. We may look upon the movement merely as a recruiting force of the missionary organizations.

The Convention began on the evening of Wednesday, February 28th, and ended Sunday, March 4th. There were three different classes of meetings. In the morning most of the business was done, and topics connected with the Volunteer and the movement were discussed. In the afternoon, instead of a large general meeting, the convention divided itself into sectional conferences, each one of which was a small convention in itself. Each conference had some special object, and the delegate could attend whatever one he pleased. In these the various methods of work were discussed, and the peculiarities and needs of par-