

Master's service, and who had faced successfully the battle of life. We had among our number scholars of ripest attainments in many departments—historians, philologists, archaeologists, authors of grammars and dictionaries, men and women speaking dozens if not scores of different languages. There were ministers, professors, students, elders, medical doctors, teachers, translators, editors, and, last, but not least, heroic wives of missionaries who had torn themselves away from all the comforts and associations of home, and braved the dangers of seas and foreign climes to publish to the ends of the world the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

As one looked upon the faces of that grand company of soldiers of the cross—many of them veterans bearing the visible marks of long and hard service, and others in the vigor of manhood and womanhood—and as he listened to their simple story of toil and triumph, and their clear emphatic testimony as to what the Lord had wrought through them among the Gentiles, he could not help feeling that the word of God had been fulfilled where it is written: "They who go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing bringing their sheaves with them." Surely such persons enjoy a deeper insight into the Master's will, and are in closer sympathy with the sovereign purpose of His heart than those who remain at home. No one can doubt that they have stronger faith in the ultimate success and glory of His kingdom, and show profounder reverence for His last command—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"—than those who are selfishly content to try to save only their own souls, and who clutch with unrelaxing grasp all of God's gold and silver they can lay their hands upon, and hold it fast till they cannot help themselves, and their hands are dissolved in the dust of death.

But let us look at the Conference a little more fully before we try to learn its lessons.

The programme of subjects discussed was most comprehensive, and might well have occupied several months in its consideration. It embraced, in one form or other, all the practical questions which have arisen during a century of missionary enterprise. Many of the most vital issues of the day, and problems that are forcing themselves upon the attention of statesmen and of the strongest and best thinkers of the age, were manfully grappled with.

Our method of work was simple and effective. During part of the forenoon and afternoon of each day the Conference resolved it-