

Religious Intelligence.

THE EPWORTHIAN IN DETROIT.

The sixth international convention of the Epworth League, held in Detroit, in July of this year, far outstripped any of its predecessors. The Leaguers invaded the City of the Straits over twenty thousand strong. The city's lodging capacity was taxed to the uttermost. But the old-time story of Detroit hospitality was well maintained. It is only in the midst of gatherings such as these that one begins to realize the meaning of the word "international." To see the flags of two nations everywhere entwined, to stand in front of the City Hall and hear those thousands of young voices singing together the national airs of both lands—to see and hear these things is to realize that, loyal as each may be to their own flag, the hearts of both are, after all, very near together.

The old, historic city cannot but receive an inspiration from such an influx of the young soldiers of the Cross. The most worldly elements of the city must perforce see in such a season the place the spiritual life holds in the hearts of men. The streets of Detroit were bright with the colours and badges of the Leaguers. The sonorous roll of Wesleyan hymns could be heard for blocks away from the places of meeting. The Maltese Cross was everywhere. But mightier than the things visible were the things invisible—the deep spirituality that pervaded every place of meeting, the waiting upon God, the exultant planning for further service.

Never before was there an age when such thousands of young people gathered together for the purpose of discussing the higher life, and the betterment of men. The labour question, the missionary cause, the negro problem, and other such live topics were all dwelt upon earnestly. In addition to their other lines of work, the Leaguers are resolved to devote one solid year to earnest, driving work in forwarding the temperance cause. Said Bishop Goodsell, "when we get two and a half to three million people on their knees, earnestly praying and working for this object, we are pretty near the time when we can justify the declaration, 'The saloon must go!'"

DR. CARMAN IN BOSTON.

A July issue of Zion's Herald contains a portrait of our worthy Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Carman, together with his address, delivered in the People's Temple, Boston, at the Wesley Bicentenary celebration. Of this stirring address, Canadian Methodism may well be proud. Dr. Carman dwelt on the importance of going back to the primordial principles given of God. This was what Wesley had done. He had brushed aside barren dogma, and gone back to the substantial and spiritual realities beneath. We should not barter away the glorious fruitage handed down by our leaders, but hold fast the fundamental truths.

THE FEDERATION OF THE CHURCHES.

With such problems as prohibitory legislation and the development of our North-West to consider, it is natural that there should be a rapprochement of the various large denominations of our land in these interests, common alike to all. But this drawing together of the Churches is by no means confined to our own land. It is world-wide in its extent. England, the United States, and Australia are all feeling markedly the force of the movement, and the foreign field is, in this respect, far in advance of the home field. In Japan the missionaries of over thirty denominations have worked together in an evangelistic campaign throughout the country. In the Philippines, in India, China, everywhere, it is being shown the heathen world that the evangelical Churches are one body in Christ.

In the United States local federations of the Churches have already been organized in many of the larger cities. These federations disclaim any authority over the various Churches they represent. They simply seek to prevent the evils and loss that result from sectarianism, and unite the entire household of faith in their efforts to spread the Gospel. Their object, as usually stated, is the promotion of acquaintance, fellowship, and effective co-operation among the several churches of all denominations, in order that their essential unity may be manifested; that the evangelization of the city (or town) may be more system-