

church should be the manifestation of the unseen Christ, and Christian Endeavor is a very serious matter, for it means in its last analysis that each Christian should endeavor to re-produce Jesus Christ in his life—an overwhelming responsibility, and yet there is provision made for it in the economy of grace. As the incarnation of Christ came about by the power of the Holy Ghost, so the new birth, His re-incarnation in the heart of the believer, is by the same power. But there is something more, the endowment with power which was really accomplished in Jesus when the Spirit in the form of a dove came upon Him. The new birth makes me a Christian; the baptism of the Spirit fits me for service, and it is something which we *must* have if we are to do the highest form of work for Christ. So far as we have any record, He did not open His mouth in speaking any Divine truth till the baptism of the Holy Spirit came upon Him, and it was needful in His case and in that of the chosen eleven, is it not in the nature of an impertinence for us to seek to save souls unless we have been baptised from on high? This baptism can only come to us when we have fulfilled the conditions laid down in the Scriptures: 1—Repentance, Acts 2: 38; 2—Obedience, Acts 5: 32; 3—Asking for it, Luke 11: 13; 4—When conscious in our hearts that we have fulfilled these conditions, we should claim the promise and look for the immediate descent of the Spirit. Mr. Moody used this illustration: A thirsty man asks for a glass of water; a friend offers it to him, but he folds his hands and asks again and again, "Give me the water," until at last the friend says, "You are simply trifling with your own request." So we may trifle with this power; if we have fulfilled the conditions then the message is, receive what God is anxious to give. There is no warrant for expecting outward manifestations, and we may miss the blessing by looking for the *demonstration* rather than the *gift*. Expect repeated baptisms of the Holy Ghost, for the baptism for one service does not do for the next; in a sense, it is exhausted and must be repeated, so there is need for our consecration service each month.

Mr. John Willis Baer, the beloved Secretary of the United Society, then spoke on "The Ultimate Aim of Christian Endeavor," and his words, always heartfelt and powerful, were more telling than usual from the fact that he is under doctor's orders and is not expected to speak at any other convention this year. The following are extracts from his address:

"Christian Endeavor has for its ultimate end a purpose no less wide and lofty than the bringing of the world to Christ."

"To be an active member must mean something. Our conversation, our every day life at home and in the office, in school, on the farm, must be patterned after our Leader's! We must make the religion of Jesus Christ attractive. We must be living epistles, known and read of all men—walking advertisements of Christ."

"Here we are, Presbyterians and Methodists, Baptists and Congregationalists, Episcopalians and Disciples of Christ, and others, and others. I cannot tell by looking at your faces whether you are blue Presbyterians or red-hot Methodists, and I care less, if I can see, as I do, reflected in your faces and shining through your eyes, the deep purpose in your heart to exalt Jesus Christ. That is the kind of co-operation that will win the world for Christ."

"Brethren all are we. Palsied be the hand, mute the tongue, coming from among my countrymen or yours, that would ever suggest such a thing as war between our nations. God may come, seals may go, and boundary lines be held in dispute, but your love and mine, as one purpose, must flow straight from the fountain which is divine."

"More and more is Christian Endeavor becoming a missionary and evangelistic force. The sooner the movement is thoroughly imbued with that spirit throughout the length and breadth of its individual membership, in every Junior, Intermediate, Young People's, Mothers', or Senior society, throughout the wide world, will it have accomplished its ultimate purpose."

The closing consecration service was then conducted by Mr. Baer, and it was an occasion that will live long in the memories and hearts of those who were present. The service was short, the only responses being from the various provincial delegations and the Ottawa Endeavorers. The rest of the time was spent largely in prayer, and in meditating on "Abiding in Christ," the leader speaking with rare tenderness and power.

Then with the words of "Sweet Peace" and the Mizpah benediction, the convention in its formal meetings was brought to a close, but its effects will be seen in the lives of many and in the endeavors of numerous societies.

MAPLE LEAVES.

The very maple trees welcomed the Endeavorers by appearing in the convention colors—red and gold.

The singing of the Bell quartette at the Junior Rally was particularly effective. The Juniors do everything well.

The Ottawa dailies gave very satisfactory reports of the convention, and they were eagerly sought by the delegates.

"Blessed are they that fill up the front seats and help to make a good song service," said Mr. Byshe at the opening meeting.

We can scarcely refrain speaking of that glorious Junior Rally. It was a grand feature of the convention. It will be reported in next issue.

On the galleries of Knox church were displayed three large streamers bearing the legends: "Canada for Christ," "Canada our Home," and "Our Dominion for Christ."

Of course, every delegate made a tour of the Parliament Buildings. They will now take a keener interest than ever in the events that take place on the Capital hill.

The quartette, composed of Misses Brennan and Turner, of Ottawa, and Messrs. Walker and Ellis, of Kingston, sang with exquisite taste. Their selections were greatly enjoyed.

Note-books by scores and hundreds were observed at every meeting. That meant that a multitude in all parts of the land were to receive a share in the blessings of Ottawa '96.

The early morning meetings were delightful seasons of spiritual refreshing. They were very largely attended, and all recognized them as occasions of rare helpfulness and blessing.

Mr. Baer was greeted on Thursday night, as he stepped forward to speak, with the Chautauqua salute. Nothing less would do for the beloved General Secretary of the United Society.

Several references were made to the abolition of the bar in connection with the House of Commons. It was always the signal for vigorous applause. Now, let the one in connection with the Senate follow.

The convention headquarters, in the basement of Knox church, was a busy place between the sessions. Correspondence and literature tables, registration and billeting booths, a post office, and other conveniences, were provided for the delegates.

Everyone had some work of praise for the splendid convention committee. The members and their helpers were always at the service of the delegates, and did everything possible to make the convention pleasant and profitable. We all join in honoring the "noble thirteen" of the Committee of "Ottawa '96."

The convention badge is the neatest and prettiest we have yet seen. It is formed of a celluloid button upon which is engraved the

Christian Endeavor monogram and motto. The two pendant ribbons of red and gold have printed upon them in silver the words: "First Interprovincial Convention," "Ottawa '96."

Secretary Baer did not get into the Junior Rally. He sought admission after the hall was filled to its utmost capacity and the door had been closed upon hundreds, by explaining that he was Mr. Baer, from Boston. But his explanations were lost upon the incredulous door keeper. "You can't work that game upon me," he said.

THE AYLMER PILGRIMAGE.

AYLMER, the birthplace of the founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, was the Mecca to which C. E. pilgrims directed their steps on Friday, the morning following the close of the convention. Little of self-sacrifice or weariness characterized this pilgrimage, however, for the morning was bathed in autumnal sunshine, the scenery *en route* was superb. Jack Frost having festooned the very hillsides with the convention colors, the Hull and Aylmer Electric Railway was sumptuous in accommodation, and the "Ottawa '96" and Aylmer committees were forehanded in perfecting all the arrangements to the minutest detail. Over half a thousand delegates and Ottawa friends, filling ten cars to overflowing, enjoyed the nine miles run, and made the Ottawa Valley re-echo with Christian Endeavor songs.

Reaching Aylmer a procession was formed and marched from the station about half a mile to "Cherry Cottage," the neat but humble dwelling of Dr. F. E. Clark's parents, where he was ushered into the world for his great life work. The building, and all that pertained to it, were regarded with reverent interest, and the present occupant, Mr. Sowter, very kindly gave up possession for the time to the hundreds of eager visitors who rambled through the rooms up stairs and down, examining with special regard the apartment in which their beloved leader was born. After the crowd had been photographed with the cottage, they proceeded to an adjoining field, where a platform had been erected and seats arranged.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Ottawa, presided. A choir under Mr. Byshe led the singing. "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," was the opening hymn. The Mayor of Aylmer, Thomas Ritchie, Esq., a former school-fellow of Dr. Clark's,—read an appropriate address of welcome, which was replied to in fitting terms by Rev. A. F. McGregor, President of the Ontario Union. Rev. R. E. Knowles, on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, presented General Secretary Baer with a gavel made from a cherry tree growing in front of "Cherry Cottage." Another is to be forwarded to Dr. Clark. Mr. Knowles' remarks were characteristic—a blending of wit and eloquence. The reply of Mr. Baer was listened to with wrapt attention. His appreciative references to Dr. Clark were warmly applauded, and his touching tribute to the mother whose grave is on the hillside a short distance away, met a sympathetic echo in the hearts of those assembled.

The address of Principal Grant on "Patriotism," was a masterpiece,—an oration worthy of the eloquent Principal and worthy of Canada. With such a speaker, such an audience, and such a theme, it was an appropriate "grand finale" to the first Canadian C. E. Convention.

The "Maple Leaf" chorus brought the formal proceedings to a close, but the return trip was constantly enlivened with "the songs we love."

"CHERRIES RIPE."

Dr. Clark, by birth a Canadian and by residence an American. . . How well God has arranged things.—*Sec'y Baer.*

Women, if you cannot have a vote, you can have a voter. You have wonderful influence if you will use it.—*Sec'y Baer.*

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