

Lincoln went out from our State to the presidency of the United States. You remember that sad hour in our national history when the bullet of the assassin was fired, and Abraham Lincoln was a martyr. You remember how the nations of the earth stood up in reverent homage and sorrow, and how your own gracious Queen bowed her head and offered her sincere condolence; and when they gathered up the poor body of the martyred president, and put it in great state upon the funeral train and moved towards Philadelphia and New York and Buffalo and Cleveland and Chicago; then on one bright afternoon they laid all that was mortal to rest in the cemetery in Springfield, thirty miles from where I live. Who was the one upon whom the nation's choice fell to stand under the bright sunshine in that sad hour and speak for the nation its sorrow and its reverence? It was Matthew Simpson. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The PRESIDENT—I am sure that every one of us has been greatly instructed by this able address on Better Bible Study; and God grant that each and every one of us in the year that we have just entered upon may, with Divine help, give this blessed book more of our attention and study. I have very great pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Caldwell has consented to sing for us to-night. (Applause.)

Mrs. CALDWELL then sang, "Heaven is my Home;" and as an encore, "Oh, hear us."

The collection was then taken up.

Mr. G. M. ELLIOTT, from the Business Committee, read the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*,—That this convention hereby gives expression to its appreciation of the services rendered it by the several speakers who have taken part in the programme, particularly those outside our own Province, viz.: Miss Annie S. Harlow, of Lowell, Mass.; Wm. Reynolds, Esq., Peoria, Ill.; Rev. Prof. H. M. Hamill, Jacksonville, Ill.; and Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, Rochester, New York.

2. *Resolved*,—That we have listened with pleasure to the fraternal greetings of Col. D. Torrance Fraser, of the Province of Quebec; Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., of New Brunswick; and Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, of New York State, and that we reciprocate the kind and sympathetic greetings they have brought from their several Associations.

3. *Resolved*,—That we tender our sincere thanks to the pastor and trustees of Elm St. Methodist Church for their kindness in placing their beautiful and suitable church premises at the service of the Convention. Also to the various members of the city church choirs for their valued assistance in the psalmody of the sessions.

4. *Resolved*,—That we gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the Christian people of Toronto in opening their homes and extending their generous hospitality to the members of this convention.

5. *Resolved*,—That our especial thanks are also tendered to the members of the Billeting Committee for the kind and efficient manner