

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
CHURCH STUDENTS MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

All who were fortunate enough to attend the seventh annual convention of the Church Students' Missionary Association, which assembled recently in Montreal under the auspices of our own college, will long remember its meetings with feelings of unmixed pleasure. Conventions are as a rule a source of inspiration,—inspiration which under God is proportional to the enthusiasm of those assembled for the cause which brings them together. This was by no means an exception; and we feel sure that the inspiration springing from it, carried as it will be so broadcast over the continent (for the delegates were representatives of no small portion of Canada and the United States), and right to those centres, the church colleges, from which the most fruitful missionary effort may be looked for, must result in wide and lasting good to church missionary work in general. We would, in taking a cursory backward glance on the proceedings of the Convention, dwell only on those points which most strongly impressed us, and in doing so gather such thoughts and conclusions as present themselves to us.

It was somewhat disappointing that the opening of the Convention should have been greeted with such bitterly cold weather as that which characterized the second week of the new year; but fortunately it became milder ere our visitors departed, and we trust that after all the low temperature did not seriously inconvenience them. After the informal reception of the delegates by the Rev. Canon Henderson, D.D., during which addresses of sympathy and welcome were delivered by that gentleman and by the Right Rev. W. B. Bond, LL.D., Lord Bishop of Montreal, the Convention was called to order by Mr. F. H. Graham, the president of the Association, and when all had taken their places was formerly opened by singing the well-known hymn, "The Church's one Foundation." Without, however, dwelling on the first afternoon's proceedings, which consisted of the President's address, the Rev. Wm. Howard Faulkner's paper on "The Missionary Events of the Year," and preliminary business, we would pass on at once to the public meeting in St. George's School House. We cannot express too strongly our gratitude to the Association for the pleasure and lasting good we received from these two evening meetings, and it is a matter of deep regret that so few outside the Convention availed themselves of the advantages they offered. The Church of England in Canada possesses in the Right Rev. Frederick Courtney, D.D., Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, a speaker of unusual attractiveness and power, and few who heard his address on the "Results to be