

ment, I could batter it down with my heart-throbs." So must we, said Dr. Gordon, bring our hearts to bear upon the people sitting in darkness. The best prayer-book you can have for the lost race is a map of the world. Place it before you and point out all the countries where Christ is not preached. Then pray, not to Christ, but *with* Him, that the lost world may be brought back to the Father's embrace. In order to be true missionaries, we must live out the life of Christ; we should be writing God's autograph in the world, as the wonderful teleautograph transmits, exactly, a person's handwriting. There is no other power but the Holy Ghost that can propel missionary enterprises. As a practical suggestion, Dr. Gordon begged his hearers to give, not so much a surrendered will, but a willing self-surrender. "Be sure that you not only have the Spirit, but that the Spirit has you; remember that vessels of clay, filled with the Spirit, are more acceptable to God, than vessels of gold, filled with self; remember that, in your work hereafter, the heathen must be brought to culture through Christ, rather than to Christ through culture; remember that your Master's commendation at last will not be, "Well done, good and successful servant," but "Well done, good and faithful servant." "We are not to wait for missionary call to be given us, but we are to act on the call already given."

The convention closed on Sunday evening, after four days of rich spiritual blessing to all who attended; and we trust also that it may result in the same blessing being felt through all the Christian world, as well as heathendom.

#### POSTSCRIPT.

WOODSTOCK.—On Friday night last a series of evangelistic meetings, conducted by Mr. Main, was brought to a close. Mr. Main came to us from Embro on 17th February, where his efforts had been owned by the Master, and greatly blessed. Some days prior to his entrance here, at the request of Mr. McGregor, our pastor, the church had assembled in considerable numbers evening by evening to ask for God's blessing upon his visit; and doubtless in many homes the desires of the church were seconded by petitions rising from family altars and the privacy of closets.

On Sunday, 18th February, Mr. Main preached both morning and evening; and also addressed the Sunday school, the King's Daughters, and the Christian Endeavorers at their several meetings. And then for two weeks (Saturdays excepted) meetings of one hour were conducted by him twice each day, at 3 and 8 p.m. At the close of

the evening meetings an after-meeting was usually held, lasting at times for another hour. All the meetings were pervaded by a spirit of earnest desire and helpfulness; and the message brought by him, which was the gospel of God's love to men, earnestly and beautifully presented by lifting up Christ before the minds and hearts of the people, was listened to attentively and eagerly by all present.

The afternoon meetings were very inspiring and profitable; and the evening meetings, much more largely attended, were equally so. Mr. Silcox, with a few friends from Embro, attended a few of the evening meetings, thereby increasing their interest. Very great good has come to us in many ways through the medium of these meetings; and a considerable number have been brought home, and have already publicly acknowledged their faith at the Lord's Table, in the presence of all His people. Mr. McGregor has most assiduously used Mr. Main in the field of his pastoral duties, and feels much cheered in his work; more particularly amongst the young people. If I might be allowed to pass a judgment, it would be *first*, That the denomination has acted wisely in appointing an evangelist; and *second*, That they have acted wisely in selecting Mr. Main for the post. He is, in my judgment, eminently adapted to the work to which he has been called; and I earnestly hope the day is not far distant when more of this kind of work will be entered upon, by this kind of men, and in this kind of way. An evangelist, like any other preacher of the Gospel, should make his appeal to true manhood, and try to gain the whole man. He should never be open to a charge either of sanctimoniousness or lightness. And while appealing to the emotional side of man's nature, he should also appeal to the intellect and judgment. Strong, intelligent Christians are the kind of Christians that will be of the greatest practical value to the world in this age; and the Gospel is, both on its divine and human sides, a practical Gospel. At the closing evening of the series of meetings, the following resolution was passed by a unanimous standing vote:—

Moved by Mr. James White, seconded by Mr. P. J. McKay, and resolved—

"That the members of the Woodstock Congregational church, and the friends gathered this afternoon, having expressed their gratitude to Almighty God, for the help obtained by them during the series of meetings now closing, through the earnest, loving and devoted labors of Evangelist A. W. Main, this meeting—larger and more widely representative—would also record its appreciation of these services, and tender to Mr. Main the heartfelt thanks of all present, for the good he has done among us, convinced that the results of his work in Woodstock will be permanent, and to the glory of our common Lord and Saviour; and we hope and pray that health and strength may be given him to enable him to continue in the work in which he has been signally owned and blessed of God."

JAMES WHITE.