

Schools and Colleges, with all their measureless results to the young of the land, will soon be opening for the winter. What a factor the education of the coming session will be in their lives! But a far greater factor in these lives will be the shaping of their characters, from teachers and companions. A winter's learning, more or less, may not make a very great difference in a life; but a winter's growth of character, in the learning or forming of habit, may be the turning point of a life. What need for care in the character of the teachers and institutions to which our children go, and the companionships they form! What need of prayer for schools and colleges that they may be centres of pure and lofty life and thought; that good character may be their first aim and good scholarship their second; that their motto may be, sound morals, with a sound mind, in a sound body.

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The Convention season is now pretty well past. All kinds of societies and organizations; scientific, philanthropic, literary, religious; usually meet once a year, for the most part in summer, to review the past, compare notes, and plan for the future. These gatherings combine the advantages of a holiday, relaxation from work, with interchange of ideas, and men and women return from them with fresh zeal and often new ideas and inspiration. All our societies connected with religious work and church work, have had their annual gatherings of different kinds. The time for beginning another year of active work has come for many. Let it be better than any that have gone before. We have added experience and knowledge, we are building upon the work of the past and should do better than in former years. We realize more fully our weakness, our mis-seeking find. Our years, too, are passing. help, and should seek it more earnestly, and seeking find. Our years, too, are blessing. One fewer remains in which to make up the sum total of our life work, before it is called in for review.

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It is a striking fact, one to be thankful for, that all the world wide organizations are Christian, not only having their origin and centre in Christian nations and controlled by

Christian people; but they are for definitely Christian work. Other organizations; scientific, literary, etc., may embrace some of the nations that are nearer of kin, but only the Christian organizations are world wide. Christian love surmounts all barriers of race or color or tongue. This summer has seen a World's S. S. Convention in London; a World's C. E. Convention at Nashville, Tennessee; and a World's Y. M. C. A. Convention at Basle, Switzerland. Last year a World's W. C. T. U. Convention met in Toronto.

Some of the Churches too have their World-wide organizations. Next year the World's Presbyterian Alliance, made up of representatives from nearly every country under the sun, will meet in Washington.

Then there are other societies such as the British and Foreign Bible Society and many of the Missionary Societies, controlled in some Christian land, that have the world as their field.

Earth has been girdled with steel and steam, but these are weak world bonds. They stand but little strain. Nations bound together only by these, are easily sundered. But earth is being fast girdled by a mightier power, Christian love, which, reaching around it long and loving arms, and passing around it band after band of Christian organization, seeks to uplift it heavenward. Nations bound by these bands are not easily sundered. Selfishness and ambition may strive to separate them, but with ever lessening success, until the kingdoms of this world shall be one in Christ. These World-wide Christian organizations are streaks of the Millennial dawn.

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### THREE WRONGS RIGHTING.

There is one event of recent history which gives promise of the bettering of three of the great world ills, that sorely needed cure:

(1) The millions in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines, were under tyranny from Church and State. Other nations could not, except by war, interfere to give them civil liberty; and none were allowed to enter and teach religious liberty. Rome held them in bondage and ignorance.

(2) The United States, a great, enlightened, people, were centred too much in self, and failed to take their due part in righting world