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THE great International C. E. Convention, so great in the thought and care and work of preparing for so vast a gathering, great in numbers, great in enthusiastic purpose, and, let us hope and pray, great in its results, has come and gone.

For months, in C. E. circles, especially in Montreal, where it was to be held, the atmosphere was electric, with hope, not unmixed with anxiety at the thought whether they could suitably entertain so vast a host. More intense grew the expectancy, until the evening of the fourth of July, when bands of delegates began to arrive; and from that to the morning of the sixth, train and steamer poured into the city their eager throngs, who where met by bands of "white caps" with "RECEPTION" writ large upon them, and still larger on the hearts and faces of their wearers, and convoyed safely to their meantime homes.

On the evening of the fifth, the Convention opened with four crowded meetings in different city churches. One of these was addressed by Dr. Cuyler on "The prayer that has power", while other distinguished men spoke on high themes in the other churches.

The convention days that followed were well filled. Prayer meetings in the early morning at half past six o'clock, in five of the churches, were held each day. No thin scattered gatherings were they, but large audience rooms well filled. No dull, lifeless routine of service was there, but live meetings, of brief, pointed, terse words of prayer, address and song.

Then there were forenoon, afternoon, and evening meetings in both the Drill Hall, seated for ten thousand people, and an immense tent on the Champ de Mars across the street, with chairs for eight thousand; and at both of these were given, day after day, exceptionally thoughtful, able, and eloquent addresses, chiefly by ministers, from all over the continent, interested in the Christian Endeavor movement. The addresses were very carefully prepared, most of them printed for the reporters before delivery, and the

audiences were an inspiration, so that a man who could rise to the occasion had an opportunity of a life time.

One afternoon the large meetings were given up for denominational rallies in the different churches. On Sabbath morning the meetings were merged in the ordinary church services, and in the evening an immense gathering, a consecration service, in the Drill Hall, and others in several of the city churches, closed the great convention.

Now that it has gone, what is left? *Cui bono?* Was it worth the time and trouble and expense? The work of the various committees in preparing for it, especially that of the entertainment committee, was, for months, simply enormous. The total cash expenditure of all the delegates, and otherwise, would amount to an immense sum; and what has been gained? The Dr side of the account is heavy, what have we Cr to balance.

1. Beginning on a large scale, there is the cultivation of international friendship. The Protestant Church is an increasing power, and the million and a half of Endeavorers comprising many of the active workers in that church, meeting thus by their representatives, in the bonds of christian love, cannot but exercise a great influence for good in cementing together the two nations that lie side by side across this continent, and as other lands are brought in increasing numbers into the great fellowship, christianity will in growing measure fulfil the mission which the angels sang, Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

2. Such gatherings foster interdenominational fellowship. As one has said, "denominations are a blessing, sectarianism is a curse". While such gatherings do not make any one less loyal to his own denomination, they help to kill out sectarianism. They bring the different denominations together, knowing no difference of name, banded as one in the "Endeavor" to do the Master's work, and, as the years pass by, will do their part in cementing more closely the different denominations in the bonds of Christian love.