

Additional interest was given to the outing by the presence of Principal Sharrard of Indore College, India, and of Mrs. Sharrard and her sister, Mrs. King. The ladies mentioned are related to Mrs. Main, whose unflagging interest in all that concerns the Hall's welfare is equalled only by her remarkable vitality and bright spirit. Such visitors from the Far East suggest the linking up of the East with the West. At no very distant date Westminster Hall may become the college par excellence for the training of men for missionary enterprise in the Orient, because of its geographical position and also because of the genius of the men attracted thither, either as professors or students, by the lure of the West.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary—both past and present—and the congregations they represent—have done and are doing a much greater service to the Church and to the world than they at all realise, by their self-denying and untiring labours to help maintain and develop Westminster Hall. Could they but lift their eyes to the future and see the streams of vitalising power that will yet flow from the Hall "unto all the world" they would rejoice that to them was given the privilege of doing such yeoman service, and be inspired to redouble their efforts.

Nor would we forget the matron without whose care and faithfulness the well-being of the students could not be secured and maintained.

The Auxiliary Picnic of 1915 was a farewell one for a few of the company. Dr. and Mrs. Pidgeon leave at the end of August for Toronto, and six of the students graduate in September and go to their appointed fields. The picnic will be remembered by all as a refreshing and helpful time.

### A Modern Crusade

"So to-day the drink evil is being revealed for what it is as never before. Many obscure people have been saying for a long while back, amid the indifference and contempt of the multitude, what every one with brains and conscience sees to-day in the awful light of war, that this national sin of ours is a supremely base and ignoble thing, and that the fight against it is one of the great crusades of all history. Our sin has found us out, as it was bound to do, and as it will continue to do till we have learned our lesson.

Shall we learn these lessons about war and intemperance and our other sins? All depends on that, and on true and heartfelt repentance, and a new birth of faith in God and consecration to Him. If God can find an understanding and obedient Church when He comes for it, then we are on the eve of a new age, and when we have paid the inevitable price that men always pay for the ransom of the future from the power of the past, we shall pass out of the valley of the shadow of death into the land of the morning sun, a fairer and nobler country than we can now ever imagine."

—Professor D. S. Cairns, D. D., Aberdeen, Scotland.