

**Party of 24 Speakers and Singers
to Hold Meetings For the
Next Six Weeks.**

To-day despotism is every where. The only way to constitutional forms of government, and men are being made free to think and act for themselves. Law and order are being everywhere established, and life and property protected. Steam and electricity have made for us a path thru the seas as well as on dry land. We are almost borne on the wings of the wind to the most remote parts of the earth—some day we may be. The work of the

translator, and the printing press has made possible for all men, "for Partians and Medes and Elamites and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and in the parts of Lybia about Cyrene and strangers of Rome, boys and Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians" to hear men speak in their own tongues "the wonderful works of God." The work of women's missionary societies has created a missionary atmosphere in many of our homes; a spirit of prayer and expectancy. The

students' volunteer movement has raised up a well-equipped and well-trained army for conquest. God has given to the Christian men of the world a large share of the world's wealth, and the material resources necessary to accomplish the task and their own salvation depends on its right use.

The spirit of Christian unity among the various Christian bodies has made possible the practical co-operation essential in a mighty undertaking. The work done and information gathered by missionaries on the field has

made possible the planning of a comprehensive and adequate policy.

New Vision of Christianity.

There has come to many of the men of this generation a new vision of what Christianity really means, and now "In the fulness of time" Christ has come and says to the church, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations."

In the days of the crusades the chivalry of Europe—the best blood of many lands—freely gave their lives

rescue the empty tomb of our risen Lord from the hands of the infidels; they went with fire and sword to kill, not to make alive. To-day we are called to another crusade not to rescue an empty tomb, but to present dying men their risen and ascending Lord; not to kill, but to make alive; to carry hope and new life to countless millions who sit in darkness.

The Canadian colonies lead the way in federation. Australia followed our example, and the colonies of South Africa are now seeking to find strength in union. Canada lead the way in the union of the various branches of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Canada has lead the way in the negotiations for a larger and more comprehensive church union. The Christian men of Canada are the first to gather together in a great national congress to consider their missionary privileges and responsibilities.

The Roman was called to teach the world law; the Greek to teach the world wisdom; the Hebrew to teach the world religion; and I, Will Canada, true to our opportunities, majestically called to lead the world in the work of world wide evangelisation. This is my "Canada's" contribution above all others.

Canada Can and Will.

In our national campaign last Autumn, extending from Sydney Victoria, touching every part of the Dominion, and submitted to by Christian men at the centres of population visited, this question: "Will Canada evangelize her share of the world?"

The response was everywhere clear and unequivocal:

"Canada can and will." This is the gathering is the culmination of that campaign, and the position which, as president of the congress, it is my privilege to submit to you.

Will Canada evangelize her share

idea, the idea of a whole humanity deemed and gathered into one great kingdom and brotherliness and love. Bishop Thoburn has reminded us that after all, at the bottom of this heart the world is grateful to the missionary enterprise for this. In Calcutta, says, not one man in a thousand would come there from the east ever again to be shown the house where Thackeray lived.

pray wants; not one man in a hundred would be shown where Macaulay's words are true. One asks how can it be carried out to the purpose? Serampore, where lies the body of the English cobbler who relearned and taught the world the glories of a word which has been the cause of no small prize has kept before the church a world alike before the inspiration of noble ideals; it has kept before it the inspiration of a great and dauntless courage.

"Last of all, it is the missionary work is leading the church on to unity, we is showing us how much the things which we agree outweigh the things in which we disagree. What right have we hope to be in different churches? The things in which we agree, vastly greater they are than the things in which we disagree. The missionary enterprise over all the world, the work of the Christian church out against the great settled ranks of the foes of God Lord shows us how much more the work of the Lord is than the work of His kingdom, the goal we have in view more than outweigh all the petty things that still keep us asunder.

"It has been the missionary enterprise that has been demonstrating to us as foe us the necessity and the possibility of unity. It has been the missionary work has been leading the great army of Christ into one and is showing us that the day of this triumph must wait till we are willing to go truly as mighty army."

And it is the missionary who has been leading the world, also, to unite. He is the greatest agency, binding dis severed fragments of our human race into one. He is doing it first of all by exemplifying brotherhood and democracy. Other people are talking brotherhood; the missionary is actualizing it; other people are saying we

unity; who are teaching a nobler principle than Mr. Townsend's of an unbridgeable gulf between east and west; who know that all gulfs are closed but the love of Christ and the unity of His body.'