

that their own calmness and peace and prayerfulness would have much to do with the general tone of the gathering ; and, in a word, we all felt that, behind this visible leader was Another, far greater than himself, who was actually and invisibly conducting the great assembly.

One or two instances may be mentioned of the singular felicity with which Mr. Donald Fraser guided the convention. When, on Saturday night, it seemed necessary to take a large offering to meet the expenses of the great conference, at least nine hundred pounds were announced to be needed to cover outlay, and help in the work of the year to come. Many foreign delegates needed aid in meeting the heavy cost of their own travel, and in establishing on the Continent branches of the Student Volunteer Movement Union. Mr. Mott, now going around the world to kindle new missionary fires, had appealed for help in visiting Australia to encourage the Volunteer movement there ; the cost of securing speakers from afar ought, of course, to be paid ; and so a large amount was needful. How to raise it, without undue urgency, or repeated appeal, or dependence upon unscriptural and unwholesome methods, was a matter of much prayerful thought. Mr. Fraser, before the meeting began, quietly instructed his corps of helpers how to conduct the whole business as before God, without any hurry or worry, and with a contagious spirit of consecration. Then, with blank forms of subscription, these young men took their stations, scattered at regular intervals through the audience ; at a given signal, after announcement from the chair of the intended gathering of offerings, a clear statement by the financial secretary of the exact sum needed and for what, and a simple earnest prayer for Divine prompting in all hearts, these young men with military precision moved about among the audience, until every one present had a subscription paper. Then there was a pause for prayer, and all were requested to give as God might lead ; then the papers were partially collected, and the amounts read from the platform *without announcing any names* ; then another pause, another season of prayer, and the work of subscribing and gathering offerings was completed, and the whole mass of uncounted subscriptions passed into the hands of collectors, the result to be subsequently announced ; then another prayer, with praise to God for the accomplishment of the desire previously presented at His throne of grace, while as yet the result was known only to Him, and the Doxology was sung and the meeting quietly dispersed. Any one present could have had little doubt that God would honor such expectant faith ; and it proved that, instead of the nine hundred pounds desired, some *seventeen hundred* were realized—enough, beside the necessary sum required for actual outlay, to distribute eight hundred pounds to the continental contingent for a forward movement among the European universities. Mr. Fraser had remarked, before the gifts were collected, that, in this act of offering consecrated substance to the Lord, the very “ *climax* of such a meeting might and should be reached ;” and it was. There was not a session wherein, notwithstanding the feature of the “ col-