

I called to see him; standing by the piano, I observed some *carte de visites* lying upon it, and in close connection were some little vases full of beautiful flowers, and they looked so nice and fresh. He had evidently observed their attractive influence, for he said, with such pathos, "Ah, we have no little graves to decorate for our little darlings, for they are at the bottom of the sea, and thus you see we have those little flowers in remembrance of them." And as I looked at his calm face, I said, "I can sympathise with you my dear brother." "Yes," he replied, "God is leading us; He is good; He makes no mistakes; He is kind, for He will take us to our own darlings bye and bye." Thank God for such a religion as this, that enables us, under all circumstances, in all conditions, to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

REV. DR. POTTS read the 98th Psalm, and MR. A. BURSON read from Revelation 21st chapter.

The hymn 47, "Oh sing of His mighty love" was then sung.

The CHAIRMAN said: We shall be glad to have any one give a word of thanksgiving. I am sure we all have something to be thankful for. My heart was touched with hearing of a poor decrepit soldier praising and blessing God as he walked along the road, who said he had good reasons for praising and blessing God always and for everything. We all have something to praise God for. To-day I thank Him for this beautiful sunshine. I thank God for the opportunity I had of speaking to an unsaved man this morning; it is worth a trip round the world, to try to lead a poor man to the dear loving Saviour. I praise Him for the Christian faces before me this afternoon: there is a link between us. Oh, may we be united with the Holy Spirit from the beginning of these meetings to their end.

The Rev. Dr. POTTS, of Toronto, said he was thankful to-day for the gathering of so many of God's people; for the coming of our dear friends from the United States. I praise God for the Spirit that seems so graciously and abundantly to pervade this first gathering of the Conference. I think there is not a heart but realizes that the Lord is leading us in this good assembly.

MR. ARTHUR BURSON directed the attention of the meeting to the words, "And Jesus Himself drew near," and trusted we would see the Lord's name magnified in this and all the meetings.

The Rev. J. A. R. DICKSON, of Toronto, said that he praised God for the holding of this Conference in Toronto, and that it was a joy to realize that Jesus Himself was in the midst, that Jesus was here to impart to each of us the blessing that we want, and that He is manifesting His power as we are singing and speaking of Him. He looked upon the meeting as a prophecy of a larger and greater blessing. Let us look beyond man altogether, unto Him our Saviour, and then we shall have God's richest blessing.

AN OLD GENTLEMAN, sitting near the front, then rose up