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## A LIFE.

**Q**UENE small life in God's great plan—  
How futile it seems as the ages roll,  
Do what it may, or strive how it can,  
To alter the sweep of the infinite whole !  
A single stitch in an endless web,  
A drop in the ocean's flow and ebb !  
But the pattern is rent where the stitch  
is lost,  
Or marred where the tangled threads have  
crossed;  
And each life that fails from the true intent  
Mars the perfect plan that its Master meant—  
*—Selected.*

## THE LATE CONVENTION.

**I**N THIS issue of the Expositor we barely  
allude to our annual Convention, seeing  
we had placed in the printer's hands suffi-  
cient copy for this number, previous to its  
being held, moreover, this convention is so  
important as compared with all other ones  
that hurried description would be inexpe-  
dient.

Let it suffice then to say that, every way  
considered, our fifteenth annual convention  
was successful and satisfactory. The Hall  
was commodious. The weather was deli-  
ghtful. Billiting was sufficient to the  
hour. Most of all the important matters  
discussed and settled gave it a decidedly  
epochal character.

The man who does not find heaven in this  
world, will stand a poor chance of ever finding  
it in any other.—*Selected.*

## OCCASIONAL VERSUS CONTINUAL DIVINE GUIDANCE.

**T**HE vast difference between these  
two experiences is not as yet  
understood by many.

This movement makes no claims as to  
distinctiveness when discoursing about the  
first named experience. It is because the  
churches, whether taken singly or collec-  
tively, teach and illustrate this doctrine  
that we rejoice in their work.

Occasional divine guidance is taught in  
the doctrine of the witness of the Spirit  
whether at conversion, sanctification, the  
call to the ministry or any other impor-  
tant spiritual crisis.

It is also admitted when extraordinary  
answers to prayer are narrated, or special  
instances of experience are told where  
God speaks and man hears and obeys.

And when one turns his mind to this  
subject he becomes impressed with the  
multitude of these special instances in the  
lives of Christians. Whole books are pub-  
lished having for their title "remarkable-  
answers to prayer." Not, we remark,  
confined to those answers which merely  
happen to correspond to the prayers uttered,  
but having reference to incident  
where the petitioner knew that God had  
spoken and given the assurance of a cer-  
tain form of answer, which answer always  
tallied with the result witnessed.

We have also innumerable instances on  
record where individual Christians have