

full of delight and pleasure. When we leave school and have to face the practical work of every day life, our time seems so fully occupied that unless we guard it carefully we will have no margin or a very small one left for this enjoyment. We should all read and read regularly, having a purpose in our reading. We all desire knowledge. When we think of how little time we devote to reading, we excuse ourselves by saying we have no leisure. "No one has leisure who lives to a purpose. The truly noble and great people in this world are busy people." We all know people who have leisure and yet do not read so much as those whose opportunities are less and whose work occupies a large portion of their time. How often have we been inspired when we have taken a book and read the thoughts of some great mind, and felt that in some measure at least we were capable of appreciating them. While planning a course of reading for these long evenings do not forget that we have a History and Science class, to which you are cordially and heartily invited. It has been the source of a great deal of pleasure and profit to those who have availed themselves of its opportunities. We have had our eyes opened to the beauties of Nature, we have seen God's hand guiding the destinies of nations and individuals. We have learned to know our Heavenly Father better, to know something of the wonderful laws by which He governs the world. During the coming winter we are going to try to learn all we can about two great nations, to whom the world is so much indebted, Greece and Rome, and to push further into the fairy land of Science.—C.K.

Convention Jottings.

By Thomas Morris Jr.

III—FIRST DAY IN MINNEAPOLIS.

A SHORT walk brought your delegates to the convention-hall, a massive building of brick and iron, the three floors containing seven and a half acres. We ascended by a flight of steps and found ourselves with thousands of others, in a large room fitted up with many booths; one was the post-office, another the bureau for information, a third the registration department, a fourth was reserved for the sale of Christian Endeavor literature. Upon registering we received envelopes, each containing a souvenir programme of the services, a convention badge, and a pamphlet containing a selection of hymns chosen from the new Christian

Endeavor hymn book. We followed the crowd, passing up one staircase after another, onward and upward, ever upward, until we had climbed no less than one hundred and ten steps. We then passed through the door leading into the great auditorium. We paused a moment to take breath; what a magnificent scene presented itself to our eyes! Seats for 11,000 people, standing room for 4,000 more, the forty-four States of the Union designated, and the position of their delegates plainly recognized by signs and banners, immense iron pillars supporting a wide expanse of glass roof, a platform of huge proportions, the lower section containing fifty reporters, the next above, the officers of the U. S. C. E. and the speakers, the next higher section, the numerous visiting clergyman, while back and above these sections arose a grand choir-loft, containing over 1,000 singers. To still more enhance the beauty of the scene the platform and choir-loft were framed with flags, bunting and evergreens, the whole crowned with the motto, "For Christ and the Church." It was a magnificent spectacle and we were greatly impressed with the scene. Canada's position in the hall was excellent, being situated just in front of the platform. The Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were lovingly interwoven and fastened with the C. E. monogram.

The first day was mainly occupied with addresses of welcome. The response to these was entrusted to Rev. Geo. H. Wells, D. D., of Montreal, and nobly did he rise to the occasion. The little Canadian band was proud of its countryman. The following is a sentence or two from Dr. Well's address:

"This convention is international as well as interdenominational. In behalf of the Canadians here present, I owe an especially warm and grateful acknowledgment for the welcome you have given. We come from homes in the far North. We trust that our hearts are not cold; but if they were as frigid as the Canadian climate is sometimes supposed to be, they must quickly soften in the sunshine of your presence. [Applause.] It is good for citizens of different countries, as well as for members of different churches, sometimes to meet together. Such intercourse broadens views, dispels prejudice and promotes respect for one another. It teaches us that all the virtues and advantages do not belong to any single clime or country. It shows us that beneath our seeming differences there lies our common manhood, having the same great hopes and needs."

If the three delegates from Hamilton did