

faction and edification of all persons present or concerned. There were in all one hundred and thirty delegates, lay and clerical, present. In addition, there was a delegation from the American Unitarian Association, and other friends from the eastern part of the Union, besides representatives from the Meadville Theological School, and the Christian denomination. From the reports given from all the sources represented, it was very evident that, during the year, Liberal Christianity had made rapid progress along the gigantic water courses and across the broad prairies of the beautiful western land. New missionary fields are constantly opening, and notwithstanding several young men have settled in the west during the year, there is a constant and largely increasing demand for more ministers. The discourses delivered by Rev. Drs. Gilman, Farley, and Hill; and Rev. Messrs. Osgood and Bellows, were received with deep interest by large audiences, and attracted the attention of many persons beyond the limits of our body in Louisville to hear them. As the report of the Conference is to be printed, but little notice has been given of it in the papers, so we are unable to give any statistics of the strength of the body in the west. By the Treasurer's Report, it appears that they have risen from the sum of \$994, the amount of the first year's subscription in the churches for the objects of the Conference, to more than \$3,400 during the second year. This is one of the hopeful indications of the increasing progress of Liberal Christianity in the West. Nor does this sum include large amounts given to Alton, Ill., or the astounding liberality of our St. Louis brethren, who have raised the magnificent endowment of \$43,000 for a classical school and college in that growing city of an unimagined future. The cause of Liberal Christianity never stood so well as at the present moment in these Western States, and they are now entering on a series of effective measures that will show better results in time to come than have been witnessed in any previous period.