

brought messages from him to the Convention. Mr. Burns is in a critical condition, not knowing whether he will live or die, but is perfectly resigned to do either and connects his illness with the will of God concerning him.

There were other addresses of a very interesting nature, and the large audience was dismissed with the benediction by the Rev. James Awde, B.A.

There will be two sessions of the Convention to-day, morning and afternoon, the night session being withdrawn on account of the prayer-meetings in the churches, but a delegation will conduct the prayer-meeting service in Brant Avenue Church.

The clipping following is from the *Brantford Daily Courier*, of January 14th:—

A PROFITABLE AND INTERESTING TIME.

Yesterday was the third day of the Holiness Convention, and the delegates assembled in the morning at the hour appointed. The morning session was largely attended, and lasted until about twelve o'clock. The experiences were vigorous, and some of them startling. Each speaker seemed to relate his experience as something which he knew, testifying to God's keeping power, and to uninterrupted communion with Him, most of them professing that they do the will of God in all things through the power of the indwelling Holy Ghost. A goodly number of those who testified in both the morning and afternoon meetings did not seem to be in full harmony with the central idea of the meeting. There was nothing in the shape of controversy or antagonism, but there seemed to be some experiences which fell short of the ideal experience as taught in this Convention.

The afternoon session comfortably filled the hall, and very great interest, even enthusiasm, was manifested from the time of the opening at two o'clock until five, when the meeting was dismissed. There was no session in the evening, but as the Convention had been invited to send a delegation to the Brant Avenue Church, most of the delegates from a distance attended there. The lecture room was well filled, and a sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. Truax, after which addresses were delivered by H. Dickenson, Woodstock, Mrs. Drewry, Toronto, and Rev. T. S. Linscott, this city. It was a meeting of great interest, and all seemed well pleased with it, including the pastor of the church.

The Convention convened again to-day in the morning, and the last session is expected to be held to-night, when the Rev. T. S. Linscott preaches on the subject, "How to keep converted."

One thing which strikes an outside observer of these meetings, is the fact that there is no appeal made to emotion, or attempt to stir up religious feeling. The teachings and testimonies appeal more to common sense, and deal more in facts and argumentation based on the Bible and experience, than in the cultivation of mere emotion. Whatever may be said of the theory of these people, they are certainly dead in earnest, and seem to understand themselves and their doctrine. The subject is presented in various ways, but the sum and substance of the teaching seems to be that God has made provision by which man can know His will and do His will, so that there shall be no need whatever of sinning. The procuring cause of such an experience they locate in the Holy Ghost, whom they say is a real person and literally dwells in their bodies.

The following is the *Brantford Expositor's* report of the last day:—

THE CLOSING EXERCISES—FULL OF ENTHUSIASM—THE VALEDICTORY.

The last day of the Convention was yesterday, and the proceedings opened at 9.30 in the morning. The morning session was largely of the same nature as the other morning sessions, and consisted chiefly in the relation of Christian experience, with special reference to the teachings of the Convention. There was a oneness of experience expressed in the matter of knowing the voice of God, most of them testifying that the voice of God was as familiar to them as the voice of their nearest friends. Testimony was given to the fact that they knew His will, and did His will continuously.

The afternoon meeting was a large gathering. Rev. A. Truax gave an address of about an hour's duration, on "The Guidance of the Holy Spirit." He claimed that the Bible without the Spirit was a book in an unknown tongue, that without Him it was not the voice of God to the individual, but that the Bible, plus the Holy Spirit, was the voice of God to the individual who walked with God. His remarks were clearly contradictory to the generally-received opinion concerning the Word of God; nevertheless, he placed the Bible in the highest light, showing that it was the only source of infor-