

3 p.m.—Question box.

3.30 p.m.—Conference, Chairman, R. V. Rogers, Q.C., St. James, Kingston. Subject—What to do and how to do it. (1) What to do. (2) The spirit for the doing. (3) The way to get about it. (4) The duty done. To be followed by general discussion in three minute speeches.

8 a.m.—Open meeting, Association Hall, Chairman the Bishop of Toronto. Addresses—*I. Church going*, Silas McBe, 2nd vice president of the Council of the Brotherhood, U.S.A. *II. The Layman's movement*, Allan M. Diamond, Toronto. *III. The Brotherhood*, The Rt. Rev. T. U. Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 1895.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion in city Churches.

11 a.m.—Morning Services in various city Churches with special sermons where possible.

3.30 p.m.—Men's mass meeting, Association Hall. Addresses—*I. The Church's message* to (1) The Indifferent, Bishop Dudley. (2) The Sceptic, Silas McBe. (3) The Impure, Rev. Canon DuMoulin, D.C.L.

7 p.m.—Service in St. James' Cathedral, with sermon by Bishop Dudley.

8.30 p.m.—Farewell meeting, St. James' Cathedral, led by the Rev. J. C. Roper, M.A., St. Thomas', Toronto.

The First Maritime Convention.

The first convention of the Brotherhood in the Maritime Provinces was held in St. John, N. B., on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28th and 29th.

The Convention began with a service in Trinity Church on Saturday morning at which the Rev. W. Katough delivered the address, and basing his remarks on Gal. vi. 14 "But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

After the service the Convention met in the rooms of the Church of England Institute and after Prayer by Archdeacon Brigstocke proceeded to the transaction of business. The following officers were elected H. C. Tilley, Chairman; H. E. Mahon, Halifax, Secretary; H. H. Pickett, Asst. Secretary. After greetings had been forwarded to the Convention at Louisville the roll was called showing an attendance of forty-eight delegates from twenty-three Chapters, this number was increased at the afternoon session. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. H. C. Tilley, Council member for St. John, and replied to by Mr. A. B. Wiswell, Council member for Halifax.

The morning conference was opened by the Rev. N. I. Perry of Halifax who spoke on "Brotherhood Work in Cities." He was followed by W. G. Smith of Truro on "The Opportunities of a Travelling Man" and the Rev. J. Parkinson of St. Mary's whose subject was "Work in the Country." After lunch which was kindly provided by the ladies of the different parishes the Convention assembled for its afternoon session. Mr. Harry Pike of St. George's New York was the first speaker; subject "The Layman's Position in the Church." He was succeeded by Sir. Leonard Tilley who spoke strongly on the necessity of lay workers in the Church. In the discussion which followed, the following took part, Rev. W. Katough, Ira Corwall, Rev. Mr. Dickson, Halifax, Geo. Bryant, Amherst, and others.

The second conference was on the subject "The Brotherhood Man; His Motive; His Work; His Life." The speakers were W. S. Fisher, W. T. Peters of Rothesay and the Rev. W. H. Barnes. The discussion which followed was entered into freely by many present and many useful and practical lessons were deduced. The afternoon session closed with an address by Mr. A. B. Wiswell on "The Brotherhood Vow." The discussion which followed was very animated but very helpful and amongst others who spoke were Louis W. Leherill of Kingston, Ontario, and the Bishop of Nova Scotia.

At 8 p.m. an open parliament was held when the subject for discussion was "Where are the Men?" It was opened by Archdeacon Brigstocke who said the subject implied that the men were not where they ought to be. In our churches women predominate while in our prisons men are in the majority. It has been considered unmanly to go to Church. What is the remedy for this? It is in the teaching and practising of the lessons of the Incarnation. A very interesting discussion then followed and many practical three minute speeches were made in which Church-going was urged first as a duty, second as a privilege. The discussion was summed up by Bishop Courtney who urged Brotherhood men to lead such lives that they would be an example to those whom they were working for.

Sunday, the second day of the Convention began with Holy Communion in Trinity Church at 8 a.m. at which almost all the delegates and many other men were present. The mass meeting for men in the Opera House in the afternoon was largely attended

and was a decided success, the spacious building being well filled with men. The Chairman was H. C. Tilley, President of the Convention, and with him on the platform sat most of the Clergy of the city. The singing which was led by an orchestra was, as is usual at Brotherhood Conventions, a "feature" of the meeting. The Rev. R. P. McKim, Rector of St. Luke's, was the first speaker and in a brief speech spoke of the difficulties and obstacles men had to contend with in attaining the ideal. He was followed by the Rev. J. M. Davenport who spoke on self-control.

The Rev. J. De Soyres was the next speaker and in a fluent and forcible address described the objects and work of the Brotherhood. If the Society should to-day pass out of existence it would not have lived in vain. He also alluded to the unity existing between its members and to the fact that all theological differences were dropped. Bishop Courtney was the last speaker. His address was both eloquent and impressive and was listened to very attentively. He dwelt on the subject of the Christian Church, its blessings, objects and duties; of the necessity of living and reproducing in ourselves the Spirit of God. He concluded with a powerful appeal for assistance in the work of the Church. After the benediction the large gathering dispersed evidently very much moved and impressed by what they had seen and heard. The evening sermon was given by Archdeacon Brigstocke in Trinity Church. His text was 1. Cor. xv. 58, "Be ye steadfast, immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord." His address was a strong appeal to the delegates to be Brotherhood men in deed as well as in name. The usual farewell meeting followed after which the delegates dispersed and the Convention adjourned. It was in every way a satisfactory one and more than fulfilled the expectation of its promoters. It was marked by strong characteristics such as enthusiasm, earnestness and unity and will be of much use in strengthening and developing the Brotherhood in the Maritime Provinces.

Thoughts for Quiet Hours.

So live with men as considering always that God see thee; so pray to God as if every man heard thee. Do nothing which thou wouldest not have God see done. Desire nothing which may either wrong thy profession to ask or God's honor to grant.

No good deed, no genuine sacrifice, is ever wasted. If there be good in us, God will use it for His own holy purposes; and whatever of ignorance, or weakness, or mistake was mingled with it will drop away, as the withered petals drop away when the full flower has blown.

I know not how many more Sabbaths God may give me, and it would be a poor preparation for my first Sabbath in heaven to have slighted my last Sabbath on earth.

A comet draws more attention than the steady star; but it is better to be the star than the comet; following out the sphere and orbit of quiet usefulness in which God places us.

Shun all that is distracting and disquieting, both within and without. Nothing in the whole world is worth the loss of thy peace. Even the faults which thou hast committed should only humble, but not disquiet thee.

The honored poet, Christina Rossetti, lately passed from earth was in the habit, it is said, of placing in the contribution box at church not merely pieces of money, but articles to which she was personally attached, such as rings and favorite jewels. Three of her best liked rings were, at her request, thus given to the Lord after her death. There is a valuable lesson in this for all of us. What God wants is not so much our money as ourselves. "The gift without the giver is bare."

When Mr. Froude was a student at Oxford, the controversy about faith and works ran high. An examiner asked a candidate in the schools what was the value of works. Not knowing the theological views of the questioner, he carefully and cautiously replied—"A few of them would do a man no harm."

Cling fast to the Hand that is leading you, though it be in darkness, though it be in deep waters—you know whom you have believed. Yield not for a single moment to misgivings about future storms. Infinite love, joined to infinite skill, shall pilot the way through every strait and temptation.

Keep the altar of private prayer burning. This is the very life of all piety. The sanctuary and family altars borrow their fires here, therefore let this burn well. Secret devotion is the very essence and barometer of vital and experimental religion.