

### THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Canada Holiness Association will be held in the lecture-room of the Y. M. C. A. building, during the last three days of the month of March, viz., the 29th, 30th, and 31st.

There will be no service on Monday evening, but the first gathering of the series will be on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. We trust that as many of the delegates as possible will reach the city on Monday, so that billeting may be attended to on that day, and all be ready to enter at once upon the work of the Convention without the distraction and anxiety connected with placing the friends during the days of the Convention.

It will be noticed that the Convention is to last but three days, in place of four, as has been our usual practice, hence they who put off their coming till Tuesday will have but two days' services to attend. By all means, then, come on Monday and get settled so as to attend and fully appreciate the whole Convention.

We expect that, as heretofore, every service will be essentially different from all the rest, and this is another weighty argument why all who possibly can should be fully prepared to attend the first meeting of the Association.

All who see their way clear, some time ahead, to attend, will please send a card to that effect to the address of Charles Partridge, 111 Bond Street, when the address of their place of entertainment will be forwarded to them, so that they can easily get settled on Monday. Those who may not have been able to notify the secretary in time, will please come to our address, 207 Bleeker Street, where they will learn their destination.

THE things of this world, like Absalom's mule, run away and leave us when we have most need of them.

SUCH as thy words are, such will thy affections be esteemed; and such will thy deeds, as thy affections; and such thy life, as thy deeds:—*Socrates*.

### WE PRACTICE WHAT ALL PREACH.

We hope no one will take offence at the heading of this article. We hesitated some time before adopting it. We tried to think of some more suitable one, but failed, and so we adopted this *apparently* egotistical one, knowing it to be egotistical *in appearance only*, and because it seemed the most appropriate heading for what we had to write.

The idea is abroad that members of the Canada Holiness Association are preaching and teaching some new thing under the sun. Let us look into the matter a little and see whether there is any ground for this suspicion.

1. And first we remark that preaching Divine guidance is not a new thing under the sun. We think ministers of all denominations teach it and Christians very generally profess to believe the doctrine, though they may say but little about it. For example, all Christians believe, we presume, that the Apostles were divinely guided. Doubt on this point would let the whole bottom, if not the top and sides as well, out of the Christian fabric. "Yes," many will say, "we believe the Apostles were divinely guided, but they were the only men so honored in this dispensation. The promise of the Spirit as guide into all truth was to the Apostles only, because they had to write the New Testament."

The first remark we have to make about the above statement is, it is pure assumption. There is not the semblance even of a foundation for it. The second remark is, that no one who has looked into the matter, without prejudice and without thinking it *necessary* to believe it, is at all likely to believe such a fiction. For what good reason has any one to suppose that Stephen was not as well guided as any of the Apostles? But, granted that some doubt Stephen, what about Luke? It is certain they did not belong to the twelve, and yet if they were not guided, what about the inspiration of the greater part of the New Testament? Now if we admit Paul and Luke, as all men do, and thus break the charmed circle of the twelve, where is the line to be drawn and who