

thrilled as the melody with so many solemn associations flowed from the singer's lips. There were tears in many eyes as the tender tones died away, and Mr. Sankey led the congregation in a brief and earnest prayer. Then followed an address by one of our own Canadians, Rev. W. F. Wilson, of Toronto, on "The Joy of Soul Winning." This proved to be one of the most inspiring addresses of the convention, and the assembled multitude was thrilled as the speaker told of the joy found in life's greatest work, winning souls for Christ.

In Central Hall the meeting which was outlined for Tent Williston was held, and it was not one whit behind the others in interest and spiritual power. It was presided over by President Clark, and the musical exercises were under the direction of Mr. P. P. Bilhorn, of Chicago. The first speaker was Rev. Charles A. Dickenson, D.D., of Boston, who spoke on "The International Society." Then another Canadian, Rev. John Neil, of Toronto, who spoke on "Every Talent for Christ." Mr. Neil profoundly moved his audience as he showed how every talent men and women possess can be used in telling the story of Christ's love to a lost world. "The King's Business" was the theme of the address which then followed by Rev. Courtland Myers, of Brooklyn. There was great enthusiasm created in the audience by the speaker as he impressed upon all the importance of making the King's business theirs.

The afternoon of Friday was given over to Officers' and Committee Conferences, and to meetings for the extension of Endeavor work in new fields. The exchange of views and plans provided for by these meetings will undoubtedly do much to benefit a multitude of societies in the development of their work for Christ. One of the pleasing features of the meeting for the consideration of "Christian Endeavor among the Life Savers," was an address by Rev. J. Lester Wells, of Jersey City, illustrated by stereopticon views in colors, giving a graphic description of the life and work of the brave men who man the life-saving stations, lighthouses, and lightships of the world, and of what Christian Endeavor can do and is doing for their intellectual and spiritual good.

On Friday evening simultaneous meetings were held in the three tents, Central Hall, and in five of the largest churches. All the meeting places were filled, and the interest and enthusiasm were everywhere manifest.

It was a welcome sight to the thousands of Endeavorers to see Tent Williston in place for the Friday evening meeting. General Secretary Baer presided, and Mr. Bilhorn led the singing. Rev. S. Edward Young, of Newark, spoke on the subject, "Work Among the Life Savers." He estimated the number of life-savers in all nations at 10,000, lighthouse keepers at 28,000, and lightship crews at 4,400. A warm tribute was paid to these stalwart storm heroes who face the murderous billows to rescue souls from death. A missionary address was then given by Rev. J. E. Pounds, D.D., of Indianapolis, which was followed by an address on "Christian Endeavor an Evangelistic Force," by Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, of Philadelphia. He said that he believed we were at the beginning of what may be called a great evangelistic era, and that in the movement Christian Endeavor would play an important part. He summoned the members of the societies everywhere to prayer and effort and organization for the salvation of the lost.

Perhaps the largest gathering hitherto held was the one in Tent Washington. The editor of the *Golden Rule*, Mr. Amos R. Wells, spoke on the Senior Society. There was great amusement created when Dr. Clark introduced him as the venerable, grey-headed "Caleb Cobweb," so well known to readers of the *Golden Rule*. Rev. J. L. Withrow, D.D., of Chicago, then spoke on "Meet for the Master's Use." Christ does not require great endowments, he said, though He has a place for the greatest of brains and the biggest of hearts.

A great throng assembled in Tent Endeavor to

participate in the exercises announced to be held in that meeting place. An address on "Christian Endeavor an Evangelistic Force" was delivered by Bishop Arnett, of Wilberforce, Ohio. Dr. Hoyt, the chairman, introduced him as one who externally is a colored man, but who has as white a soul as it is possible to find. "Thank God," he said, "Christian Endeavor knows no color line." Two exceedingly interesting missionary addresses were delivered, one by Miss Margaret W. Leitch, of Jaffna, Ceylon, who has spent seventeen years in work in that field, and the other by Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., of New York, the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Of the meetings in Central Hall and the five churches space forbids more than the briefest mention. Such practical topics as "Frank Talks with our Associate Members," "Choice of Books," "Public Confession," "How may the Society help the Pastor," and "Practical Evangelistic Methods," besides a number of Open Parliaments, furnished six meetings which afforded stimulus and practical help to several thousand Endeavorers.

#### NUGGETS.

What men usually need is not possession, but quickening, not knowledge, but power.—*President B. L. Whitman, D.D.*

The pledge "to do what He would like to have me do" is the marriage ceremony of Christian Endeavor to missions.—*Rev. J. E. Pounds, D.D.*

The most inconsistent thing in the Lord's universe is an endowed soul ceasing to grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.—*Rev. Asher Anderson.*

The vessel for God's filling; the instrument for God's using; the messenger for God's sending; the redeemed for God's witness—this is our glory and joy.—*President B. L. Whitman, D.D.*

Seeing that prayer has always preceded revival, are we not responsible before God if we do not down to our knees and pray all Christendom into a white heat of revival?—*Rev. C. L. Work.*

One may be a Christian and not know the time of his conversion, but no man can be a Christian with power until he has had a definite experience in the matter of surrendering to the Holy Ghost.—*Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D.*

If the Christian Endeavor Society of the world could be pledged to pray for the unsaved, this year would witness not one Pentecost, but one hundred, and that would mean 300,000 souls for Christ.—*Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D.*

Two of the largest denominations of the negro race are organizing the Christian Endeavor Society among the young people; and soon the pledge, prayer, and song of the Christian Endeavorer will be familiar to our sons and daughters from Huron's lordly flood to the everglades of Florida.—*Bishop Arnett.*

Our personal influence will be measured by our public confession of Christ. There is a vast difference between a guide board standing by the roadside, with its mute utterance, and an intelligent, communicative guide that can answer our questions. Justice to our Master demands that we give testimony for Him.—*Rev. W. H. York.*

#### INSPIRING MEETINGS.

**T**HE convention proceedings on Saturday were of a very varied character. As on each day of the convention, early morning prayer meetings were held in the church headquarters. Then, beginning at ten o'clock, three meetings of great interest were held in the tents on the White Lot.

The Junior Rally in Tent Williston is reported in the Junior department, therefore we need only say that this gathering of the Juniors was probably the most interesting that has yet been held.

In Tent Washington a most impressive evangelistic meeting for men only was held. "Let us have a red-hot evangelistic meeting this morning," said Secretary Baer, "one of those meetings that bring results." And a red-hot meeting it proved to be, so satisfactory that each succeeding

convention will be sure to have a men's meeting on the programme. The first speaker was Mr. C. M. Hunt, of Minneapolis, a well known lawyer of that city who has given up his profession to engage in evangelistic work. He gave a very practical talk on the text, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" The next address was by Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army. As he took the rostrum he greeted the audience with a military salute which was instantaneously responded to by cheers and waving of handkerchiefs and clapping of hands. The Commander was visibly affected by the welcome. He said: "Your spontaneous and hearty welcome has killed me. If Ballington Booth had been here it would have killed him also, and you could have put us in the same grave. I am sure there is enough faith and enough fire here to cause a resurrection, and that would have been the best of all." After speaking of the work which was being accomplished by the Salvation Army, he created a sensation by saying: "There sits a man on the platform who was once a Prussian cavalry officer. He was ruined by drink, and coming to this country he sunk lower and lower until he became a common Bowery bum of New York. One night he came to a Salvation Army meeting in rags, a poor drunkard, fairly down in the gutter. He had been sleeping in lumber yards and getting drunk when he could. He received salvation that night. Again and again he came to our meetings, and at last he found work. Now look at him, a beautiful man to see, well clad and happy. I want you to see Ensign Nyce, one of our most valued officers." A handsome looking young man then stepped to the platform and said: "It is one of the greatest honors ever bestowed on me that I have been called before you to-day to tell of my salvation. In rags and tatters I came to the Cross and cried for help, and the rags and tatters dropped away. Praise God for my new life." The appearance of Mr. Nyce was the signal for great enthusiasm, and when he had closed his few words of testimony the men in thousands arose and cheered. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman was then introduced who preached a powerful sermon from Heb. 9:27. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." His address was listened to with the closest attention, and tears were in every eye as he told touching incidents of Christ's love for men. A solemn thrill passed through the audience when the speaker quoted the text and asked the audience to say after him, "The judgment." The vast congregation with one voice said, "The judgment." And again with a mighty volume of sound the words rang out over the White Lot, and who shall say into how many hearts, "THE JUDGMENT." At the close of the service Dr. Chapman asked those who were willing to consecrate themselves for more earnest service for the salvation of souls to stand. A multitude responded. And when the speaker asked those who desired to take Christ as their personal Saviour to stand, scores and hundreds in different parts of the tent thus signified their intention to choose Christ as their portion. This proved one of the most memorable occasions in connection with the convention.

In Tent Endeavor a similar meeting was held for women only. The presiding officer was Mrs. John Willis Baer, and Mrs. F. E. Clark led the audience in the devotional exercises. The first address was on "Social Purity" by Mrs. Kate Waller Barnett, the superintendent of the National Florence Crittenden Society. She drew a vivid contrast between the slavery of the South and the white slavery of civilization, showing how by swift succeeding steps the victims of vice pass from the brothel to the jail, the hospital, and the potter's field. She pleaded for interest in the work of saving the Magdalens, and the tremendous applause that followed her address showed how deep was the impression which she had produced. Then another Southern woman, Miss Belle Kearney, of Flora, Miss., spoke of the advancement of women, and contrasted the women of English-speaking countries with those in semi-civilized lands. Another enjoyable address was delivered by Major Susie Smith, of the Salvation