

Seventh International Convention of the Epworth League

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A Personal Talk About Denver

Special interest attaches to Denver, just now, owing to the fact that the next International Convention of the Epworth League is to be held in that city. The object of the convention is spiritual inspiration and practical help in Epworth League work, but when this can be combined with a pleasant trip it makes the gathering all the more desirable. Denver is a particularly interesting city, and offers many attractions.

Picture to yourself that you have really come to Denver for the great Epworth League Convention of July, 1905. That you made the trip on a "League special," enjoyed the Christian fellowship and enthusiasm of the journey, and that your train has brought you over the long stretch of Western plains and into the depot at Denver. You step off the "Queen City of Mountain and Plain," face to face with the Rockies, into the heart of Colorado. You are a mile above the sea. The air is cool and bracing and crisp. You have left the torrid East behind. Passing through the big stone depot you walk out on to the broad business streets of the city. The sunshine floods every nook and corner, bathes every house and building in light, and you realize what Colorado sunshine means, especially when this comes it shines this way on an average of 309 days every year. A perfect tramway system conveys you to any place you desire to go; committees of reception, and entertainment, are on every hand to look after your welfare. All these committees have been appointed and are being drilled. You mark the tall buildings, stretching away for two miles or more, up toward the capitol building on the hill. The buildings are of fine pressed brick, and of gray and white stone. You pass over streets that are noticeably clean to your state headquarters at a city church—and there are dozens of magnificent church edifices, both Methodist and otherwise, for state headquarters—and you are assigned to your home for convention week. The trip through the residence section is another revelation. Substantial houses, all brick and stone, not a frame house to be seen anywhere; beautiful green lawns, flowers, shaded streets, wide boulevards—all these things delight the eye. They speak of prosperity, of cleanliness, of real living of the kind a city must have if it is to rightly welcome the Epworth hosts. While you are riding along listen to these facts about Denver. Let us put them all together: You will find that Denver has 175,000 people, 179 church societies, and 156 churches, 60 miles of macadamized streets, 40 miles of asphalt pavements, a boulevard system, fifteen to twenty-five miles long; 100 acres of parks; 15 main lines of railway entering the union depot with 110 passenger trains departing every day; 165 miles of electric street car lines; 5 high schools and 64 graded schools; 3 smelters; 1,478 manufacturing establishments; a water supply from the pure snows of the Rockies, the best and purest in the world; 15 hotels, and 400 boarding-houses; a State capitol building, costing \$3,000,000; a grand view of 200 miles of snow-capped peaks along the main range of the Rockies; cool days, and cooler nights.

But why continue the list of facts? The story of Denver, of its beauties and attractions, is endless. You will see how impossible it is to tell of them all when you come.

When you have reached the place assigned to you, your week of real delight will begin. The Epworth rate of \$1 per day will prevail. Good board and room at hotels at \$2 a day and upwards, and in private homes for \$1 per day and up. You can get a room for a slight sum, and then get meals at restaurants at exactly the same price you pay in restaurants in the East and central West, remember that.

Throughout the week as you come and go you will be forced to the conclusion that Denver is the ideal convention city. No oppressive heat can spoil your week of pleasure. The highest temperature ever recorded for Denver in July is 88, and the temperature drops nearly 29 degrees at night. Every evening is cool and invigorating; the air is dry and no such thing as a sunstroke has ever occurred in Denver. It will be a week of real rest, no matter what you do. Then, too, you have the inspiring mountain every moment of your time. You can see them as you come and go, lifting snowy heads to pierce the sky, with towering summits wreathed in purple clouds, or in an hour's ride on trolley or street car you can whirl away to a deep, cool canon of the Rockies. These excursions can be taken for from 50 cents to \$2, and for a very tiny sum you can reach the glorious heights of the Rockies that so many long for and never are allowed to see. Or you can spend time in Denver's immense city park, one of the most beautiful and attractive in the country, or see the great smelters, where molten precious metals are turned out in glittering streams of wealth; or the mint where fresh new coin is made; or try lakes and boats, golf or tennis. There will be blue skies, sparkling, mellow sunshine, cool days and nights, ease and comfort. You may not meet all the 175,000 people, but everyone you do meet will greet you as a welcome guest.

Are not these the things you want to know about any convention city? I have not spoken of the programme, or of the great meetings—you know about that. I have assumed that you are thinking of these other things as well. These are only a small part of the attractions of Denver and Colorado that ought to tempt you to come. To tell of all the attractions and beauties of Denver would require a volume. In themselves alone they ought to determine you in your choice of coming to the Denver convention, July, 1906.

One of a Multitude

Publishers of books not only have strange communications sent them in the mails, but they have odd and curious visitors as well. The other day a man having the appearance of a respectable longshoreman, entered one of the departments of Harper & Brothers, in New York, and was shown to the proper desk by an office boy. The man seated himself politely, and said to the official who occupied the desk:

"I want to write a novel." There was a dead silence, broken presently by the official, who asked:

"What do you want us to do?"

The visitor seemed somewhat discomfited by this counter question, and began talking vaguely about the amount of royalty the publishers might pay him, winding up with the following poser:

"If I wrote a novel how long could I live on it?" Which sounds like one of the conundrums in "Alice in Wonderland."

Book Shelf.

All books mentioned here can be procured from the Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto.

Fishing for Men. By J. Wilbur Chapman, The Winona Publishing Co., Chicago. Price, 75c.

The famous evangelist, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, has here given us a most valuable volume on the general subject of evangelism, with special reference to personal work. It is filled with practical suggestions, including incidents from the experience of the author. As an appendix, several stirring revival sermons by noted evangelists are added.

Success in Soul Winning. By M. T. Lamb, The Winona Publishing Co., Chicago. Price, 25c.

About a year ago, Mr. Lamb published a little book entitled "Every Creature," which dealt with the obligation to reach every creature with the Gospel message. This book is intended as a companion volume and shows "how to do it," dealing with the privilege and power of the individual Christian. It contains many valuable suggestions on an important subject.

The Paston for Souls. By Edwin Forest Hallenbeck, D.D., The Winona Publishing Co., Chicago. Price, 40c.

The growing interest in the subject of personal evangelism has brought into existence a large number of books on this subject, the importance of which cannot be overestimated. This volume is one of the best that has come from the press. The author is a successful pastor who knows something of the problems of the pastorate, and he "not only presents theories, but works them out."

The Perennial Revival. By Rev. Wm. B. Riley, The Winona Publishing Co., Chicago. Price, 45c.

This book treats the subject of evangelism in a comprehensive and suggestive way, dealing with many of the problems which are engaging the attention of the churches to-day. Here are some of the chapter headings: "The Apostolic Spirit and the Perennial Revival," "The Place of Prayer in the Perennial Revival," "The Endowment of Power," "The Regular Church Services and the Perennial Revival," "Street Preaching," etc. The author takes the ground that evangelism should be the constant work of the church, and has many valuable hints how this may be brought about. It is an excellent book for pastors and all Christian workers.

Canada and Canada. By Rev. D. V. Lucas, D.D., Methodist Book and Publishing House, Toronto. Price, \$1.00.

This volume is dedicated to the young people of Canada, especially those associated with the Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavor Societies. The title and general conception of the book are somewhat peculiar. The author attempts to make comparisons between Canada and Canada, and to draw lessons from God's dealings with his ancient people. The portion devoted specially to the resources and attractions of our own country is the most interesting, and makes the reader wish that the whole book might have been devoted to this subject. Much valuable information is given concerning the various provinces of the Dominion, which young folks ought to know.