

Questions answered covered a wide range of inquiry. Many of them concerned Africa, in which field Mr. Guinness has especial interest. To the question, Is there any greater need in Africa than in Mexico for missionary effort? he replied, "There is a glimmer of light in Mexico; in the heart of Africa there is absolute darkness." "Can a minister who has not a good excuse for staying at home, ask another to go?" queried some one, and the reply was a most emphatic "No." Space does not admit of a full statement of the significance of the Second Probation theory in its bearing on foreign missions, but a few sentences will show the drift of the speaker's views: "I am not prepared to say that the Divine Spirit may not work without human instrumentality. In Oriental countries, missionaries have found men so near 'the Kingdom of God,' that the Gospel message has found almost immediate response. But, as a matter of fact, we find sin almost as universal as conscience."

The most notable address of the conference was delivered on Friday afternoon by Mr. Robert P. Wilder, and was entitled "Missionary Enthusiasm, How Obtained and Preserved." A request has already been made that this address be printed and put in the hands of every volunteer. Mr. Wilder spoke in his usual earnest, persuasive and convincing way. His appeal was

personal, and moved the men present—more that that, he gave tone to much that was said afterwards. The discussion which immediately followed this address clearly indicated that men had been stirred. No word of adverse criticism was offered, but the remarks made conveyed appreciation of the address and gratitude for the personal influence of the speaker.

A marked feature of this conference was its true devotional character. In almost all of the discussions there was a noticeable absence of the polemical spirit. The meeting for volunteers will be remembered by many for all time. Several present were about to depart for foreign lands, and the prayers offered from that little circle were most deeply heart-felt. In things spiritual we cannot estimate results as in matters temporal. We hardly dare even to gauge influences, for "eye hath not seen nor ear heard." We know by the working of the Holy Spirit that there is much good in the secret of His presence which He alone sees. Two men decided to go into the foreign field the last day of the conference. The testimonies which were made at the final meeting were brief, direct and honest, and they manifested a desire and a determination on the part of many to live in the future lives nearer to the Master.

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Notes on Africa, by our Correspondent, Rev. James Johnston, England.

—The English Wesleyans and the Indian Missionaries. The Wesleyan Foreign Missions Committee met recently to re-open the question of Dr. Lunn's charges against their representatives in India. The Rev. H. P. Hughes, editor of the *Methodist Times*, expressed by letter his regret that so much personal bitterness had been shown in the controversy and of his unsuccessful endeavors to pacify the Indian brethren. To effect an amicable settlement, he recommended the appointment of an impartial body of

commissioners, the publicity of the inquiry, and the limitation of the discussion to the points originally raised in his paper. The committee decided to request the attendance of a deputation in April next from the Indian field, and also Dr. Lunn and Mr. Hughes, to confer upon the question in council with their own members. The entire Methodist fraternity, many of whom are weary of the strife, earnestly anticipate a satisfactory settlement of a dispute which has had no little disturbing influence on Wes-