

The Committee of '99.

We are glad to see you for the very pleasure of your presence. Don't try and learn Detroit points of compass—we haven't any in our city or our welcome. We know no north, no south, no east or west. Other cities may give you a good time, but we give three good times—eastern time, central time, and the true time of the sun. Most of you will think that we are thirty minutes either slow or fast, but we are not; we are just right.—*Chairman W. H. Strong.*

The Pastors.

When you said you would come, we were glad, and the year that has intervened has been to us one of mingled poetry and prose; the prose of patient preparation, the poetry of delightful anticipation. Happy were we in your promise, happier still in its fulfilment. As the glad earth welcomes with leaf and blossom the returning spring; as bird and flower with song and beauty welcome the rising sun; as the weary captive of northern night welcomes with exultant joy the arctic morning; so with song and gladness Detroit welcomes you.

May this convention realize, nay, go beyond your fondest hopes. May it be to you the mountain top of spiritual vision. May it be to you the time of infilling with power for service. May the fires of love to God and sacrifice for your fellows burn yet more brightly upon the altar of your hearts and keep you ever in mind that "civilization and Christianity have not come from the survival of the fittest, but by the sacrifice of the best." May those things which divide the forces of the Christ and hinder his work, disappear, and may the common basis for faith and love given by our common Master be yet more clearly seen and may it command instant assent and obedience.—*Rev. Chas. B. Newman.*

The City.

"Endeavor,"—I like that word. It means so much. It points out the way, the only way, to those who would win in life's battle. It encourages all to try, and it comforts and consoles those who falter. The secret of all progress in human society belongs to those who aspire—to those who make endeavor. It adds to the sum of human achievement in its every movement.

It is noted of some lives that they only linger, while others live. The centuries of life of Methuzelah were but lingered. The thirty-three years of the life of Christ were years of living. As men live or linger so is it with institutions like this. Some of them seem to linger. This Christian Endeavor lives. The secret of its living is that it is ordained to uplift and consecrate.

The inspiring deeds and helpful influence of this great pentecostal gathering elsewhere is well known to us. We have in the body of our citizenship very many in active alliance with you. It is for these reasons that men and women of every creed and of every kindred join in bidding

you a hearty welcome, as we hope to bid you godspeed and to invoke His blessing upon you when you must go.—*Mayor Mayberry.*

From the Replies.

I am not sure that a treaty of arbitration will be the best outcome for us. Mothers and their daughters are better off without treaties, and if long ago England forgot herself you may forget the deed as readily as last year you forgot the words "north" and "south."—*Rev. J. H. Tiesidder for England.*

You invited us to come. We are here; we are enjoying ourselves; and we are going to stay just as long as we can.—*Rev. Wm. Patterson for Canada.*

The welcome you have extended to us demands a duty from you—a duty of prayer and your means and yourselves. God grant that your prayers and your means and your best efforts may be extended to help the millions of Chinamen who are in need of the inspiring Word of God. I thank you for your welcome.—*Rev. E. C. Tewksbury for China.*

I bring to you the salaams of the Turks. Lay it up in the hearts of ye who love the Lord Jesus Christ, for these Turks are yet to be the servants of Christ.—*Rev. L. S. Crawford for Turkey.*

Going and Growing.

Paragraphs from President Clark's Annual Address.

THE biographer of the youth of King David tells us in Second Samuel that "he went on and grew great and the Lord of Hosts was with him."

I like the marginal reading of this passage: "David went Going and Growing." Going and growing are inseparable. The boy who does not go does not grow. The boy who grows is very sure to go. It is not otherwise with a society, a church, a movement. The movement that has ceased to grow will soon cease to go, and, conversely, when it ceases to go—to be energetic, aggressive, outreaching—it will soon not only cease to grow, but will dwindle and fade. The last part of the verse belongs with the first. Let us never separate the two ideas, "Because the Lord God of Hosts was with him"—he kept going and growing. This part, too, we may turn about, and in the reverse find a great deal of force. Because he kept going and growing the Lord God was with him.

Apply this to our youthful David among the movements of the day. To merit the presence and guidance of the Lord God of Hosts the Christian Endeavor movement must go and grow. "Going" stands for aggressive, out-reaching enterprise; "growing," for increase in grace, in power, and numerical strength.

Going and growing have ever been characteristic of Christian Endeavor. It was born creeping; it soon began to run. If ever the promise has been fulfilled: "They shall run and not be