

the nations to one great struggle against God and His Christ. We should also bear in mind that the end of these evil systems is near. The Kingdom of the Prince of this World is approaching a critical period, for the fated termination of the reign of Antichrist and of the "times of the Gentiles" are alike near at hand. Satan is active because he knows better than we do that his time is short; and it is a serious question whether Christians will be in a position to meet the responsibilities soon to be thrown on them, to present a united front in the crisis of the final struggle, and to manifest that holy unity which becomes the Bride of the Coming Lord. Let us pray that under God's blessing, under the leadership of Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, such ends may be promoted by the present Conference.

With this session of the Conference the special function of the Montreal Branch terminates, except in so far as local details and expenses are concerned; and it is the hope of the Branch that a working constitution may be matured for an efficient Dominion Alliance, whose next place of meeting should probably be in some of the greater centres of our Protestant population rather than in Montreal.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

REV. DR. SHAW, MONTREAL.

It devolves upon me, at the request of the Montreal Branch of the Evangelical Alliance, to extend to Delegates, Speakers, and all friends from a distance, a most cordial welcome to this Christian Conference. The best qualification I can claim for the discharge of such a duty is that I earnestly desire that my words, though few, should be warm and strong in voicing the cordial greeting which I know the Evangelical churches of this city all desire to extend to our distinguished visitors. Brethren, in the name of the Lord we greet you, in the name of a common heritage of faith, in the name of Christian truth, in the name of kindred ties which make us the heirs of all the ages, the inheritors not of empty traditions but of the records and inspiration of noblest Christian heroism, in the name of our common Christianity we bid you welcome to our city, to our homes and to this Conference of the Evangelical Alliance. Here prayerfully and humbly waiting upon God, assembled in one place and with one