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Fourth International Convention of the Epworth League, Indianapolis, July 20-23, 1899.

The Soldiers' Monument.—The soldier's monument which occupies the centre of a large square in Indianapolis is the finest of its kind on the continent. It is worth a trip to the Hoosier City to see this wonderful structure. The people do well to thus perpetuate the memory of those who gave their lives in the service of their country. Such memorials do much to develop patriotism.

Noble Self-Sacrifice.—That was a fine reply that was made to Dr. Gray, editor of *The Interior*, by an educated negro intending to go to Liberia as a missionary. Dr. Gray tried to dissuade him, speaking of one who had gone to Gaboon as a missionary and "uselessly sacrificed a valuable life." The reply was: "Institutions must have graves for their foundation."

The Sunday Bicycle.—According to the Rev. Dr. I. W. Hathaway, general secretary of the American Sabbath Union, "The bicycle, used for pleasure and recreation on the Lord's Day, has become a gigantic abuse, destructive of the best impulses of tens of thousands of our young people, who are thereby led away from church and home influences on the Sabbath and exposed at the road houses to the most dangerous temptations."

Benefit of Conventions.—Rev. Dr. Carmaf writes thus of conventions: "Beyond question good Epworth League conventions seasonably held, properly and vigorously conducted, are of incalculable advantage to the Leagues, to the Church, and to the community at large. It pays to go to trouble and to some expense to make them strong and effective. Not every department needs to be made prominent at every convention, but one, two, or three, as circumstances may suggest and time allow. Pains should be taken to obtain a leading mind, a practised

hand, a glowing soul for the work which is to be especially emphasized. Have inspiring singing, have quickening Bible study, have reviving Christian fellowship, properly interspersed with the appointments of the programme, and you will indeed sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Boys' Life Guard.—A new kind of boys' brigade has been recently started which eliminates the military element.

over the age of twelve, total abstainers, and are required to conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.

The Duty of Giving.—Bishop Vincent says in the Michigan *Christian Advocate*: "Put no stress on a piety that does not give according to its ability. Teach people that a religion of songs, prayers, and sentiment, which is not emphatic and practical enough to work out into self-sacrificing and intelligent contributions to the cause of God is an empty and profitless piety, a shadow and a sham. If our people were trained to do their full duty our ministers would have better salaries, and if we were to allow people to withdraw from us who would refuse to assume these responsibilities the church would be manifestly the gainer."

Bishop Candler.—In our April number we published the portrait of Rev. Dr. Carman, President of the Epworth League in Canada. Last month our front page was adorned by a very fine picture of Bishop Ninde, President of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, U. S. It is therefore appropriate that the portrait of Bishop W. A. Candler, President of the League of the M. E. Church, South, should appear in this issue, especially as he is to have a prominent place on the programme of the coming convention at Indianapolis. The *Texas Christian Advocate* thus describes him: "He is rather youthful in appearance, though he is plenty old for the high office he now fills. In stature he is low, but in girth he is large and round. He looks like iron works put up according to the most improved plans. He has a well-poised head suited to his form and stature. There is nothing of the ordinary or commonplace about him. In mental endowment he is the peer of any man in the American pulpit. In his perceptions of truth and in his delivery of it he is unique and original. His methods and style of preaching are peculiarly his own, and in his treatment of a subject he cuts right into the heart of it and brings out things both new and old—especially new."



SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT, INDIANAPOLIS.

It is known as the "Boys' Life Guard Brigade." It has ambulance drill, fire drill, and saving-from-drowning drill. Its standard of heroism is high and practical; and yet it teaches that true heroism must be a matter of every-day life—entering into all its commonplace details. On its roll of honor will be inscribed the name of any boy who rescues a life from fire, water, or other peril, or the boy who, by his example, truly influences the lives of other boys. Members must be