

The Unprecedented Situation.

The world-situation is unique in opportunity, in danger, in urgency, and in view of the recent triumphs of Christianity. Never were the doors so wide open in so many parts of the world. Never was the interaction of nations so virulent. They were never so plastic as now, while the tides of nationalism are rising: and never have Christian missions made such rapid progress.

The World-Movement.

Great Britain and Ireland still lead in the proportion that have sailed. There has been a marked increase in the enrollment of North America, with which has gone hand in hand a corresponding increase in the number in Home Mission work. The Movement has doubled in Germany: it grows in Switzerland, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and South Africa. In the French universities arise a force known as the "Volunteers of Christ." In Australasia the most active Volunteer Movement of the world is giving power and vitality in a wonderful degree to the church of that continent. In China a strong Volunteer Movement has been organized, which is securing hundreds of the ablest native students as future ministers of the Christian Church of China. Finally, the all-embracing World's Student Christian Federation has increased during the last quadrennium by 300 associations with over 20,000 members, until the Federation now contains over 2,300 Christian Associations with a membership of 156,000 students and professors.

The Message.

For five days over 5,000 members of the Convention listened to the most irresistible message ever carried by man. It was a call to mind and heart to think and feel: a call to courage to face the facts of life and to act accordingly: a call to the self to commune with the Divine Spirit: **and a call finally to the will to wake.** It was this last call that the Kansas City Convention emphasized. Day and night the great leaders put the undeniable facts or the world-need before the assemblage; but they did not allow the ordinary weekly tragedy to occur, i.e., that tragedy which occurs whenever the human duck waddles complacently out of a most enjoyable spiritual duck-pond, **and remembers only where to go itself again in time of need.** Repeatedly the will of the listeners were summoned to the bar, relentlessly analysed, and firmly told to do their duty.

"But Lord, the will!

There lies our bitter need.

Give us the deep intent."

The Call.

1. Christ said to His followers: "Go ye and teach all nations." We are Christians, and all nations are not taught.

2. World-shrinkage is becoming rapid, and the world will become a fearful place if all the latent power of Christianity be not aroused.

3. The less civilised nations need men to demonstrate practical Christianity: doctors, teachers, lawyers, ministers. The need is pitiful, while in civilised lands most professions are overcrowded.

4. Every Christian is a missionary. Home and Foreign Field absolutely depend on each other.