

changes to which these referred? These in a paper of this character can be little more than touched upon.

The Evangelical Alliance it was which furnished the first platform in order after the British and Foreign Bible Society, upon which brethren of the various denominations could meet, through the help of which brethren were enabled to discover how much there was upon which they were agreed, and how little there was upon which they differed.

Then came the Young Men's Christian Association. This agency, in my judgment, has been one of the main factors in working wondrous changes, not through the extent of its work only, but through its variety, its agents embracing all its churches, and its work being in keeping with its distinguished motto, "One is our Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

From it appears to have sprung what might be appropriately termed the Convention era,—Provincial, Dominion and International Conventions for its own work; Conventions for Sunday-school work; Christian work; and Temperance work. And these have been characterized by such a spirit of unity, that unless the Church with which a brother was associated were known, nothing which he said or did at such Convention could indicate to what particular section of the Church of Christ he belonged.

I was, in common with all who attended the meetings of the International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association held in Baltimore about 1878, specially impressed with this noticeable feature of that wonderful gathering. Brethren were there of every denomination and from every part of the world. The Convention was under the presidency of Mr. D. L. Moody. The series of meetings more nearly approached the description which we have of the "Day of Pentecost" than any meeting which I had ever before, or have since, attended. The hallowed influences which accompanied them can never be forgotten. Then, I think I may add, that what may be called the Evangelistic movement has largely been the outgrowth of the Young Men's Christian Association. In this connection I need mention no other name than that of D. L. Moody, around whom bishops of the Anglican Church, ministers and laymen of all the denominations have gathered, and witnessed through such agency the conversion of thousands of souls. Many of such workers have had life-long prejudices broken down, and have been compelled with Peter to say: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: