

the evening, the City of Camden, New Jersey, and attempted to speak for a short time upon that wonderful epitome of the moral law which has been left upon record by the Divine Saviour of mankind for the guidance of all travellers to the Celestial City. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, . . . and thy neighbour as thyself;" particularly dilating upon this thought, that if we at all fulfilled this command of loving our neighbour as ourselves, we would strive to rescue at least one from this mighty army of men and women who are annually swallowed up in the drunkard's grave, and whose souls are eternally lost; for has not this awful fiat gone forth—"No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God?"

The morning of the 12th dawned bright and clear, and soon after nine o'clock A.M. a vast assembly had gathered in the Academy of Music, the largest, the finest, and most elaborately decorated theatre in Philadelphia, for the purpose of holding this long-expected Convention.

Mrs. Parker, a quiet, gentle lady of Dundee, Scotland, was chosen temporary President, and committees on Credentials and Permanent Organization were appointed. Mrs. Wittenmyer, of the National Union, gave the address of welcome to the foreign delegates, in which she explained the purpose of the Convention, which was for the defence of right and purity. She welcomed the delegates, and thanked God that they had all been brought together in safety, expressing as her belief, that God had chosen women as His evangelists, and that if the hearts of the women of other lands beat in unison, and with the same strong power as theirs, we would that day see the women of two continents clasp hands at the foot of the cross, and swear eternal hostility to the liquor traffic. Mrs. Parker, of Scotland, and Mrs. Youmans, of Canada, replied to the address of welcome. A letter from Queen Victoria's private secretary was read, acknowledging Mrs. Wittenmyer's letter and request to send representatives to the Convention; but declining, on prudential grounds, to interfere at all in the matter. Mrs. Crane moved that a rising vote of greeting be sent to Queen Victoria, the model wife and mother, who though as a queen she could not convey to them her approval, yet, were she unfettered, would send them such word as would touch their womanly hearts.

The Committee on Permanent Organization then nominated Mrs. Wittenmyer, of Pennsylvania, as President of the Convention; Mrs. Parker, Scotland; Mrs. Willing, Illinois; Mrs. Willstod, Edinburgh; Mrs. Youmans, Canada; Mrs. Johnston, Tennessee; Mrs. Foster, Iowa; Mrs. Pruyne, Japan; and Mother Stewart, of Ohio, Vice-Presidents; Miss Willard, of Chicago; Mrs. Burt, of Brooklyn; and Mrs. Harvie, Toronto, Secretaries; with Mrs. Leavitt, of Ohio, Treasurer. A committee was then appointed to consider the practicability of organizing a Women's International Christian Temperance Union. Our esteemed president, Mrs. Finch, represented Toronto on this important committee, and succeeded in introducing considerable of the Canadian element into