

Again, we look for a clear exposition of fundamental missionary principles. This work was done—and done well—by our own Dr. Jordan and by Rev. W. A. Cameron in their respective addresses. As students, we want to know why we should have missions at all, and these addresses helped to answer the question.

But a conference might have both a clear view of the missionary need and a tight grip of essential missionary principles, and yet fail to move to the needed missionary endeavour. There remains the need of that constraining love of God and humanity—that love which, overcoming the selfish principle in our natures, carries us to the rescue of earth's darkened lives and sin-smitten souls. In almost every convention we find some speaker whose words seem—like Luther's—to be “half-battles.” They burn into our souls and sting us into action. These speakers have the supreme art of focussing all the accumulated facts and feeling of the conference in one supreme challenge to the nobility of our natures to come out and do battle for the great Captain of our salvation. We had this, too, in our fourth annual convention, so we feel sure that many students shall have cause to look back with pleasure and thankfulness to “Kingston, 1913,” because of its strong and helpful influences and because of the splendid feeling of fellowship which characterised the various delegations of students as they fraternised in our halls and homes.

