

trained as nurses, compounders and hospital assistants. Is it not true that loving service will fail to alleviate suffering, where skilled service will succeed, and combined, what may they not do?

Dr. Berry described his experience in Japan during an earthquake when 10,000 were killed and 15,000 wounded. While tending the latter a great roar was heard of the on coming of a second shock, the native nurse showed no fear but remained at her post and saved the life of her patient.

Our hearts were saddened as we listened to the great need of medical workers, and I am sure could our young men and women, who are preparing for their life work, but realize the opportunities before them, they would be eager to go forth in the footsteps of our Lord, to carry healing for both body and soul to these needy ones. To many the greatest interest centered round Women's Day, when all the foregoing subjects were most ably discussed. We had a bright example of what Christianity and education coupled with perseverance, has done for a Hindoo, Lilavati Singh, Prof. of English in Lucknow College. She told in her own words how graciously God had brought her to a knowledge of Himself and then permitted her to bear witness to His power to save. We were told how that in order to perfect herself she had seven times read through a History of England, and it is hardly necessary to say we were charmed by her perfect command of English. Does this not prove there is a more exalted way of spending one's time than reading frothy literature or being self-centred and self-seeking. Missions teach us self-denial, hence the importance of early interesting the children. And now we ask why all this wonderful enthusiasm? Is it not because these mighty servants of God have not only heard the "Go ye," but also the voice of our crucified and risen Lord "all power is given unto me," and "Lo, I am with you alway."

In closing let me urge upon all to be quick to hear "the still small voice" say "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us," quick to respond. "Here am I, send me."

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SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

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One of the most striking things said in the Conference was President Harrison's amendment to Prince Hohenlohe's remedy for the evil tendencies of the times.

The great German Chancellor, speaking recently to a meeting of German scientists, said that the terrific energy of destroying forces in the closing years of the century suggested a return to the age of the Sauroians, the mighty monsters which æons ago roamed over the earth annihilating whatever came in their way. The hope for safety, he thought, lay in the advance of science, the growth and diffusion of scholarship.

"I differ with the Chancellor," said the ex-President. "The hope of safety in the future lies in the Christian religion." The thought came to me, as I listened a few feet away, that the hope of the world for the spread of religion, pure and undefiled, lies, under God's providence, in the hearts of the Christians of America.

The high-water mark of the meeting was reached in the addresses of President Strong, of the Rochester Theological Seminary, and of Dr. Ashmore, missionary to China, both Baptist. Perhaps the readers of the *Recorder* may be favored by having the whole of Dr. Strong's masterly address, but I wish to emphasize by quoting the last two paragraphs as they were reported in one of the New York papers. They are as follows:

"The purpose of Foreign Missions is Christ, for all the honor and praise of this world's redemption shall be given to him. At the feet of him who was crowned with thorns shall be cast the crowns of all the saved, from all the continents and all the islands of the sea. Mongolia and Polynesia and Patagonia shall join with Ethiopia in stretching forth their hands with offerings to Christ. A multitude that no man can number shall praise him, of those who have been redeemed from the earth. But why should we limit the praise to the inhabitants of this little sphere? Is it not written that God will sum up all things in Christ; that to principalities and powers in heavenly places shall be made known his manifold wisdom; that in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, as well as on earth and under the earth? May we not believe, with Mark Hopkins, that in the great day of restitution other intelligences will come in long procession from other departments of the universe, great white legions from Sirius and Arcturus and the chambers of the South, to bow the knee and to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord?"

"So through the ages one increasing purpose runs. Let our thoughts be widened to take in that purpose and to make it ours. Christ is all in all. As his authority is supreme and universal, so his purpose is supreme and universal also. The prince in the Arabian story took from a walnut-shell a miniature tent, but that tent expanded so as to cover, first himself, then his palace, then his army, and at last his whole kingdom. So Christ's authority and Christ's purpose expand as we reflect upon them, until they take in, not only ourselves, our homes and our country, but the whole world of sinning and suffering men, and