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CHRISTIAN—BEWARE!

Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? THEREFORE hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents.—Jer. ii. 33-34.

THE INGERSOLL CONVENTION.

The Convention of the Associations of Ontario and Quebec, recently held in Ingersoll, differed very materially from the usual stereotyped form adapted by such gatherings. Those who attended its sessions could not fail to note the *intensely practical* manner in which the several topics were dealt with. There was but little of that theorizing which detracts so much from the profit and interest of many Christian gatherings. No formal reports were presented by the delegates, nor yet was the time of the Convention spent in listening to elaborate essays too often prepared by persons of very limited practical knowledge of the Association and its work. Again, the visitor would be forcibly impressed with the fact that our Associations are beginning to fully appreciate the dignity of position which truly belongs to a *Christian* organization. It was evident that CHRIST is the grand central object they desire to keep in view,—that the salvation of souls is the work to which they are called—that the word of God is the instrument to be used—and that the Holy Ghost is the only true helper to be sought after and relied upon.

The *Social* Question found but little place in the discussions. At the same time it must not be understood that the Convention deprecated *all* Social work; on the contrary, the delegates fully recognized that our young men

look for, and need some provision made in this direction. But the voice of the Convention was unmistakably emphatic, and the expression most unanimous in favor of letting the *World* do its work as *its* Master directs, but that our duty is to obey the instructions of *our* Divine Master, and to do "All to the glory of God."

The Convention enjoyed the presence of Messrs. T. K. Cree and E. W. Watkins, of the Executive Com., New York, and Mr. D. A. Sinclair, General Sec. of the Association at Dayton, Ohio. The suggestions made by these brethren, and the eloquent addresses given by Rev. H. M. Parsons and Vice-Chancellor Blake were of great benefit. On Sabbath, the pulpits of the several Churches were occupied by Delegates, we trust to the mutual edification of speakers and hearers. A Mass Meeting of Sunday School children was held in the afternoon, presided over by Rev. J. McEwan, President of the Ingersoll Association, and addressed by Messrs. Howland and Caldecott, of Toronto, D. W. Ross, of Montreal, and others. There was also held in the Town Hall, at 4 o'clock, a meeting for young men, which was largely attended. The farewell meeting was held in the evening, and notwithstanding a violent rain storm, the church was crowded. Several ministers and delegates took part.

Two meetings will long be remembered: first, A Bible Reading, by Rev. H. M. Parsons, on "the Holy Ghost the worker's power for service; and, second, a Consecration Meeting, held on Sabbath, and led by W. H. Howland, Esq., of Toronto. These meetings were well attended, although the hour (7 a.m.) was early. A deep spiritual power was manifest.

We believe this Convention will result in a more vigorous prosecution of