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Compensation.

THE truest words we ever speak
 Are words of cheer.
 Life has its shade, its valleys deep;
 But round our feet the shadows creep,
 To prove the sunlight near.
 Between the hills those valleys sleep—
 The sun-crowned hills,
 And down their sides will those who seek
 With hopeful spirit, brave though meek,
 Find gently flowing rills.
 For snow's white wing a verdant field;
 A gain for loss.
 For buried seed, the harvest yield;
 For pain, a strength, a joy revealed,
 A crown for every cross.

Editorial Talk.

"DETROIT will be almost a Canadian convention," said Dr. Clark when in Hamilton last autumn. Certainly the Eighteenth International

Convention meets at a point the most accessible to Canadians since "Montreal '93." There will doubtless be the largest delegation from the

"Land of the Maple" that has ever attended a convention in the United States. Detroit is a point easily reached by various rail and water routes, and the programme is probably the most attractive and helpful that has ever been prepared. Some of the special features that have been arranged for are deserving of particular mention. There will be a daily "Quiet Hour" in the Light Guards Armory, conducted by Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman. This has been the feature which many have found most profitable at recent conventions. A daily Bible Study Conference has also been planned to be led by Professor H. L. Willett, of Chicago, and Professor W. G. Moorehead, of Xenia, Ohio. Mr. H. B. Gibbud, of Springfield, Mass., will conduct daily a Personal Workers' Conference. Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, the author and pastor, will be present and conduct conferences on such practical topics as "What would Jesus do?" "In the other man's place." He will also read one of his stories. But time would fail to tell of the addresses of famous convention speakers like Dr. P. S. Henson, Bishop Vincent, Robt. E. Speer, President John Henry Barrows, Dr. W. F. Gunsauis, and Professor Graham Taylor. A new

idea that old convention goers will appreciate is that of holding the consecration services in some twenty-six churches instead of in two large halls as formerly. This will have a tendency to reduce the spectacular features to a minimum, and secure deeper and more lasting results. The singing will be under the direction of Mr. E. O. Excell and Mr. Percy S. Foster, names that are a guarantee that this portion of the convention programme will be of the very best. Those who are planning to go—and we hope a thousand of our Canadian readers will make an effort to be present—will find information in regard to transportation and other matters in another column.

A CERTAIN president of a Christian Endeavor society was one day thinking seriously about the possibilities for service that lay for the most part

A Beautiful Dream.

latent in the seventy or more members of his society. As he balanced the possibilities over against the work actually performed, he was painfully conscious that the society, while doing much, was yet far from attaining the full measure of its capabilities. As he mused, the fires of fancy burned, and he had a very beautiful dream. It was a waking dream, and it was about a working society.

The prayer meeting was a most delightful gathering. It was a feast spread by the hand of Christ; and He was always present as the real leader of the meeting. None of the members were absent who could be present, and all came from their closets with some thought or experience which they longed to share with others. Each meeting was so interesting and spontaneous that dullness and painful pauses found no place.

Then the social climate of the society was always warm and sunny. It was never frigid or foggy or malarial. The strangers who came in casually found the atmosphere so inviting that they said, "It is good for us to be here; we would like to be associated with these friendly young people."

The influence of the society was felt in all departments of the church's work. The members could be relied upon to do whatever work was required of them. They looked after the young people of the congregation, and especially after the strangers and the sick. They taught in the Sunday-school, and encouraged the Bible-class teacher by their presence and their interest