

Canadians Appreciated.

THE *Epworth Herald* had the following appreciative references to the Canadian speakers at the recent International Epworth League Convention:

THE Canadian speakers were enthusiastically received whenever they appeared.

REV. G. J. BOND made a capital speech. Every word was received eagerly, and many of his sentiments were received with great applause.

REV. J. H. RIDDELL gave the convention a breeze from the broad prairies of Manitoba, and demonstrated again that nothing catches a Methodist Convention like enthusiasm and fire.

REV. W. F. WILSON was one of the most popular men at the convention. He carries a big brain on a large body. His voice is like a trumpet and reached the outermost rim of the largest crowd.

REV. W. J. SIPPEL, of New Westminster, B.C., is a young man and not heavy in avoirdupois, but his voice filled Tomlinson Hall on Saturday morning, and more than that—it filled all the audience with a desire to see the twentieth century movement a great success.

Prominent People.

THE Rev. John McNeil, in fulfillment of a promise recently given by him, is conducting evangelical services on the summit of Ben Nevis, the highest point in Britain.

DURING a recent visit to Italy, Bishop Walden was introduced to King Humbert who conversed with him at some length in the Quirinal Palace on affairs both religious and secular.

BISHOP C. C. McCABE, says: "Not long since Bishop Newman gave \$4,000 to an object, every dollar of which he had made by lectures. He also left an endowment, the interest of which is to pay the tuition of thirty students in perpetuity. He never kept a cent of the money he earned by lectures."

REV. DR. J. M. BECKLEY, writing of the Epworth International Convention, says: "Bishop Galloway made an extraordinary impression. He seems to have retained the best of the old Southern style of oratory, and added to it a considerable mastery of the conversational style which in the halls of Congress has superseded it."

THE *Woman's Journal* says: "Mrs. General Funston was a pretty music-teacher in San Francisco. She came full in love with her during the long delay while his command was kept waiting in that city before going to the Philippines. He wooed her with his usual energy, and after a two-weeks' siege she capitulated, married him, and is now with him at Manila, acting as his private secretary, adjutant and *de facto* chief of staff."

THE *London Chronicle* thus considerably refers to Booker T. Washington: "The presence in London of Mr. Booker T. Washington, at whose address the other evening the American ambassador presided, calls for a generous recognition of the remarkable work being done in the United States for the negro by this gifted member of the negro race. What Frederick Douglass was to the older generation, that Mr. Washington is to the present."

GENERAL BOOTH was given a hearty reception on his return from Australia at the private view of the Salvation Army Exhibition on Saturday at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. A most interesting portion of the proceedings was a platform parade of the foreign contingents, in which the "Gen-

eral" walked up the stage arm in arm with a North American Indian in his war paint, and received an address of thanks from one of twelve Indian children, who were rescued from the famine two years ago by the Army. The Exhibition will remain open until August 8th.

RUSSELL SAGE celebrated his eighty-third birthday, August 4th. He did so just as he has done during the last thirty or forty years, by going to his office and burying himself deep at business, and attending the meetings of three corporations with which he is connected. He has not taken a holiday for many years, and he says that he feels like a cat in a strange garret if he stays away from business. When Mr. Sage was told that he looked as young as he did ten years ago, his eyes sparkled, and he said he felt just as young as he did then. "That's all due to my careful habits," he said. "There is no other way to keep one's youth."

A CORRESPONDENT in *Zion's Herald* writes thus of the late Bishop Newman: "I knew him for forty-five years. I first saw him when he came to assist my father in a series of revival meetings, and soon after that he assisted a church of which I was then a member. We had a glorious revival, and Newman was in his element. In the flush of youth, and with a fine figure and musical voice, he was then an ideal orator. He was a fine singer, and swayed those immense congregations as trees are swayed by the wind, by his fervid exhortations and thrilling songs. Of course he was audacious, as every man with snap must be; but he was pious and a tremendous worker."

AFTER DE. J. W. E. BOWEN (colored) of Gannon Theological seminary had preached the gospel in Edwin Ray Methodist church in Indianapolis, during the Epworth League convention, many from the audience came up to thank him for the message and to shake his hand. There were many southern persons in the audience, and of these quite a number joined in expressing their satisfaction with the sermon. Among these there came a Christian lady, somewhat advanced in years, and who was introduced by her son, who said: "Mother wishes to speak to you." Taking him by the hand, and with a cordial shake, she said: "I was a slaveholder in the early days. I am glad slavery is gone. I have come to see differently, and I respect you as a Christian gentleman and brother. Your sermon did me great good this morning."

Methodist Chat.

A Methodist hotel is to be erected in London, England. It is intended especially as a Christian home for young men.

THE Rev. Hugh Price Hughes on Thursday called attention to the growing habit of reading sermons, and wished to know if any of the young men who that day were to be received into full connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, had fallen into that bad habit. He was answered in the negative by the fifty-two young men.

THE *Methodist Times* thus refers to Rev. F. W. Macdonald, the new President of the British Wesleyan Conference: "Mr. Macdonald's ability in public address is remarkable. There are few public speakers in the country who have at command so large and so select a vocabulary, or who can, with the like ease and dexterity, clothe their thoughts in equally choice and appropriate terms."

REV. DR. CLIFFORD, the eminent Baptist preacher, in his address before the British Wesleyan Conference, said that he had the greatest difficulty in understanding why he was not a Methodist. From his cradle the

broad and comprehensive teaching of Methodism had been presented to him, and he had been trained in the three great universalities, the universality of the love of God, the universality of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sins of men, and the universality of the work of the Holy Spirit. He said he was still preaching those three great universalities.

THERE seems to be a prevalent idea that whenever there is a Methodist meeting there must be a collection. Even those who are entirely outside, have the notion that there is a close connection between the Methodist church and finance. During the recent Wesleyan Conference at City Road Chapter two ministers were about to alight from a car near the Chapel. Said the conductor: "Begging your pardon, sir, but there's a lot of persons about ere! What does it mean?" "Why, it is the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference," replied one of the clerics. "Ho, that's wot it is, is it?" remarked the ticket collector, "and 'ow much do they expect ter realize?"

Woman's Work.

SOON after her husband's death Mrs. Draper inaugurated a work for the blind in Yokohama. One day, seeing a poor blind man, a deep compassion for him was roused in her noble heart, and this was the origin of the blind school. During seven years she alone was responsible for the school, supporting it almost entirely from her private means.

THE *Mission Record* says: "In March, 1837, the women of the Church of Scotland decided to send out their first missionary to India. Then there was not a single zenana open to a white woman; to-day our missionaries are just 157. Then the one missionary that we sent out started the first girl's school; to-day we have 49 schools, with over 3,000 pupils in them. Our one missionary has increased to 36, and there are 1,084 women in zenanas under instruction."

A NATIVE of India said to a missionary: "We do not fear your books, for we need not read them; we do not fear your preachers, for we need not listen; but we do fear your women, for they are winning the hearts of our women, and when homes and hearts are gone, there is little left for us!"

REV. F. S. SCUDDER, when asked what was the most impressive thing he had seen in Japan, said: "I reply, without hesitation, it is the faces of the Christian women of Japan, especially those who have been trained in Christian schools. There is an expression in their faces, revealing a character and a purpose in life, which one misses so much in the majority of faces, and one can tell, with a fair degree of certainty, from the face alone, what Christianity has done for women through its schools, placing its seal of nobility on what is otherwise but a vanity fair."

A DEACONESS, carrying a huge bundle, entered a street car and found a seat beside a man with a hooked nose and a business-like gray eye. He coolly proceeded to "take her in," his reflections evidently running somewhat as follows: "Black dress and bonnet—widow probably; dress rather rusty—poor, of course; bundle—works for the shops; looks like a good worker—it's a big bundle." Then aloud: "What do you make, madam?" "Make," said the deaconess, somewhat startled. "Why, nothing!" Then, as the situation dawned upon her, she added: "I am trying to make the world better." "That's the man's turn to look confused: 'Oh, beg pardon, I thought maybe you wanted work; but'—grinly—'I see you've already got a big contract on hand.'"