

class, and I sincerely trust that one result at any rate of this Convention will be an intense desire to study the Word of God ourselves, and to encourage its study among the ranks of our members.

In this age of scepticism and infidelity, when so many are drifting away from the living truth and so many mighty enemies are confuting us, what weapon can we use for God and for the benefit of man but the Word of the living God. It is the Sword of the Spirit. Let us study it then, that we may be used by the Spirit to wield it to God's glory and man's good. The want of this has been heretofore our great weakness. In places where I have held special Evangelistic services I have endeavoured to have meetings in the afternoon, especially for ladies, where I laid before them the claims of young men and gave them some idea of the work in which we were engaged, thereby evoking much sympathy and interest among a class that ought to be—and perhaps is—more interested in our work than any other class in the community. It is a blessed thing to be followed by a Christian mother's prayers. Even to think of it calls up in the mind the tenderest recollections and the sweetest thoughts. Blessed be God for a Christian mother's prayers and a Christian mother's loving sympathy.

I had the privilege of attending the Railroad Convention in St. Thomas, and in taking part in its proceedings. I was fairly astonished by what I saw and heard there. It was one of the most interesting Conventions I ever attended, and the results of it were most blessed. They have now a railroad secretary and an association in excellent working order—holding five cottage meetings a week and doing other work—besides over \$2,000 was subscribed by American friends and sympathizers to this work. This feature of Young Men's Christian Association work ought to cheer us beyond measure, and cause us to rejoice that we belong to an organization that can reach these railway men and bring them to Jesus. I am glad Burford is here to put in a claim for this noble work, and that you accorded such a hearty response to his earnest and enthusiastic address.

I have been enabled to resuscitate two associations and to cheer and encourage some drooping ones. I have attended four conferences, two of which were parlour conferences; and here I would like to say that you can hardly do a better thing than to hold a "parlour" in some prominent Christian gentleman's house. We have two of these in Montreal which are attended by over sixty business men and Young Men's Christian Association workers. They were intensely interesting and the results were most beneficial. I attribute in a large measure to these conferences the success which has attended our Executive