

of the kind of people among whom the missionary was frequently placed, how he often would be thrown upon his own resources, and would have to use his hands as well as his head. "Go through the world with your eyes open, and learn all you can about everything." This he gave as good advice. The Spiritual Preparation of the Volunteer was the subject assigned to Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission. Missionaries have more obstacles and difficulties to overcome than have other men. Hence the need of a true consecration. Prayer and the Scriptures were the two ways in which we come into contact with God's will. Mr. Taylor told how, when he first went to China, he found it so difficult to keep up a study of God's Word, there being so much else to do. Yet he knew that this was a duty which must be done if ever he was to hope for success in his work. And so before daybreak, for an hour every morning, when there was no bustle or noise in the city to disturb him, when all was quiet, he would rise and spend the time in studying his Bible. Is it any wonder that he was so blessed in his work?

The sectional conferences were all thoroughly enjoyable. On one afternoon four such meetings were held. At each there were discussed by missionary workers the different ways of working in missionary lands. These were educational work, evangelistic work, medical work, and women's work. On the following afternoon there were nearly a dozen of these conferences held. One was a meeting of College and Seminary Professors, of whom there were quite a number in attendance. Others took up different fields, and the returned missionaries gave a detailed account of the life and religion of these lands. The delegate could attend whichever one he pleased, and if he had decided to sail for some particular field he could here get an immense store of information from those who were best qualified to impart it. The writer attended the conference on "Papal Lands." The state of religion in Brazil and other South American countries is something appalling, and could scarcely be believed had not the description come from men who spent the greater part of their lives there. At the last census of Brazil 87 per cent. of the people could neither read nor write. The priests are dissolute, and make a merchandise of what they call the true Christian religion. But there are signs of improvement. The Republican government