

later he again came into my office, his whole frame trembled. He said, "I have one request to make to you sir, and that is: won't you give me a drink, and I'll never ask anything more from you. Just give me money enough to buy one drink." I saw he was a little delirious. I said, "Certainly, I will give you a drink." I gave him a cup of coffee. He said, "That's a poor thing." His will power seemed to be completely gone. He wanted something "hard," something to fire his shattered, nervous system. I kept him under my charge for sometime, until I thought it safe for him to go home. What a sad thing to see a young man, with a brilliant mind, in such a sad condition. We prayed for him morning and night, but he seemed cold and indifferent. There came a morning when I had the pleasure of seeing him on his knees, his eyes turned heavenward. He was saying "Lord save me for my mother's sake, and for the sake of those strangers who have taken me in." I came up quietly and knelt by his side and said, "Say 'for Jesus Christ's sake.'" God heard and answered our prayers. My wife joined us, and we unitedly lifted up our voices in praise and thanksgiving. We had the satisfaction of seeing him shortly after seeking for comfort from God's Holy Book. He said, "I believe the Lord's going to keep me after all." I replied, "God so loved the world, that He sent His only begotten Son, not to destroy the world, but that the world through him might be saved." A few weeks later I thought it safe to send him home. I telegraphed to his mother. "Willie on the way home." Just a year from this time a young man came into my office, I saw it was the same young man; he had his dear mother with him. She held out her wrinkled hand to me, and then she threw her arms round the neck of her dear boy, ejaculating at the same time "My son, my son—my boy is saved. I thank God that you ever talked to my boy. I bless God for saving him."

Two verses, first and second of Hymn 140 were sung.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J. P. LEWIS, and thus closed the first session of the Christian Conference.

This, the first session, was a time of spiritual power. Deep interest was manifested by the presence of a large congregation at this session. Ministers and leading men of all denominations being present.