

us. As I have this evening looked upon those young people who are standing on the threshold and looking in upon us, and thinking of others who have been fortunate enough to gain admission instead of standing, I have been thinking of those who are standing on the very threshold of Christian work looking in upon us and wondering if we are as happy as we seem. I well remember as Providence led me to just such a meeting as this many years ago. The happiness of the Christian was a thing unknown to me, and the joy of the Christian work. I was a member of the Church, but I went to that meeting so indifferent to Christianity, that it was almost more than I cared to do, to pray at home: and as I remained in that convention two or three days listening to the earnest words that were spoken, I saw the happiness of Christian people and got an uplifting that I never lost, from that day to this. My earnest wish for you is that you may always follow that out, and find the joy and gladness there is in Christian work, that can come from no other work. God be with us and watch between us, and as we separate, we can separate with the assurance that there is one friend from whom neither life, nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come can separate us. (Applause.)

President SHAW—I have been told it is always customary for the President to say the last few words. I can recollect a few weeks ago going through our city and speaking about this Convention, and the question that was often asked in our committee meetings was, "Will there be any ladies attending the Convention? do young ladies come to the Convention?" and in my innocence—I was not the only one who was innocent in the matter—we thought there might be a few. (Laughter.) But when we look over the Convention to-night, and when we speak of the brightness and joyousness that has been brought into our hearts, we are glad to say that there has been a large number of ladies attending our Convention, for which the people of Kingston are pleased to-night. We are pleased when we think of what the Convention has done for us in our Conferences and in the lectures that we have listened to, that there is a "now"—not to be always dreaming of the future, not to be always troubling ourselves about the past,—but that there is a "now," and that you and I and each one of us are expected to think of "now;" what our life is going to be, not to-morrow, but "now;" and how are we going to live to-day, "now;" how are we going to act so that this world may be better, because we are in this world "now;" and how are we going to live every moment so that our lives may tell upon those whom we live with, whom we work with, whom we labor amongst, that they may be made the better and the stronger. We are led to the great fact that we ought, as men and women, to engage in this great Sabbath School work which is second certainly to none, excepting the great work which is done by the Churches. How we

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