

than that—he is in Boston, a clerk in a store. Ontario carried off the banner for the largest gain during the year, and Manitoba that for the greatest proportionate gain, and the Canadian delegates sang “Blest be the tie that binds” so often, that the Convention must have regarded them as in league with the Twine combine. They would have shown more originality by singing “From ocean unto ocean,” than that ancient, hackneyed, and somewhat dolefully sentimental ditty. Perhaps, however, they had only one tune, like two friends of mine, the one being able to compass Artaxerxes, and the other, departed honored friend, making a fair show at New St. Anns. I should like to have seen a report of work done along the line of Christ’s welcome to the Christian Doer: “I was an hungred and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me.” There are societies that could make a good showing along this line, and others, I fear, would not. The matter of Personal Christian Helpfulness should be pressed upon the next Convention.

Mr. Baers, the Secretary’s report shows that much has been done by the societies for the cause of missions. Every endeavorer should be a missionary, personally. By all means get the report and read it, putting a pencil mark over against the funny paragraphs for week day reading.

A neat pamphlet of one hundred pages

has been sent to me from the Students’ Publishing Committee of Queen’s University, Kingston, containing the Sunday Afternoon Addresses delivered in the Convocation Hall during the session of 1892. The first is by the well known Dr. Briggs, of Union Theological Seminary, New York. It is on the Bible and other books, and is an eloquent plea for the Scriptures as the Word of God. Principal Grant follows with the Old Testament and the New Criticism, Revelations and Interpretations, and Wrong Interpretations and a Wrong Spirit. These are thoughtful and suggestive addresses, identical in spirit, and moderately conservative. Thus Dr. Grant, referring to the difference of opinion among scholars as to the authorship of the Pentateuch, says: “While two sides are taken on the question it becomes us not to decide hastily, but rather to hold our judgments in suspense.” As Peggotty said: “You can’t say no fairer than that;” yet it will not satisfy those of our friends, who, without scholarship, know the history of the Bible by intuition. Admirable practicable addresses are those of our own graduate, Mr. Herridge on Personal Responsibility, of Dr. Dyck on the True Life, of Dr. Hume on Thinking on These Things, and of Mr. Milligan on Man, God’s Interpreter. Professor Shortt’s subject is Art as an element in Spiritual Life, a Plea for Christian Glory and Beauty; and Dr. Murray of McGill, on Christian and Unchristian Agnosticism, exhibits the limitations of Theology, while declaring the sufficiency of the Divine Revelation in Jesus.