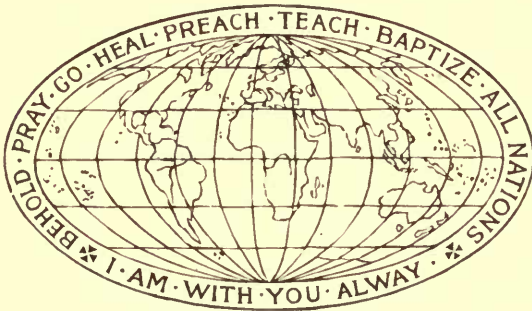


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## A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

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It would be impossible, I am sure, for any one of us to gather up the emotions of this hour and adequately express the gratitude which is in our hearts, and which is turning our thoughts in thankfulness to God. Most of us came up to this Convention with large expectations. We had attended or heard of the preceding conventions, which proved to be such a source of blessing to the students of our land. And as we gathered here, it was with the confident hope and the earnest prayer that these would be among the most inspiring and helpful days of our lives. And I am sure that I voice the sentiment of each heart when I say that our prayer to God has indeed been answered, and that our expectations have been largely surpassed.

It was eminently fitting that this Protestant city of churches and of educational institutions should be chosen as a place for this meeting. Those of us who come from the States are glad to have had the opportunity to visit our Anglo-Saxon neighbors and kinsmen. Thus to meet together and consult regarding the great interests of the Kingdom, has not only strengthened, but I am sure has multiplied the ties which already bind us together in an international feeling of relationship and in an essential oneness in the great cause of Christ, and has given us a truer conception of that unity which Christ had in mind when He prayed that we all might be one.

We realize, I am sure, that for the large part of the success of this Convention, next to the blessing of God, we are indebted to the generous provision which has been made by this city for our entertainment. It was indeed a formidable task to undertake the entertainment of such a large gathering. Few cities in the whole country would have been equal to it. But the clergymen of this city, the earnest business men and the noble Christian women, bravely undertook the responsibility, and for their arduous labors, their self-sacrifice and real Christian service we are truly grateful. And to all of those who have taken such an active part in arranging and preparing and planning and providing for the various details of this Convention, I am sure I voice your hearty thanks.

We wish to voice as well our earnest appreciation of the generous hospitality which has been so graciously extended to us by

the Christian homes of this place. The knowledge we have received of the Christian home life here in Toronto will ever linger as a precious memory through life. And we certainly pray that this Convention will prove to the city worth all the cost, and that the return of spiritual quickening and missionary interest will not only stimulate and promote Christian work here, but will lead to a greater interest in the regions beyond; so that in the future Toronto may be even a more prominent factor in the world's evangelization. Freely we have received. Let us henceforth realize that we are indeed debtors, and that we ought to give. The accumulated power of this Convention ought not to be wasted; and if it be rightly distributed, I think it should not only revolutionize all our own lives but should affect the lives of hundreds and thousands of other people.

It is related of one of the early missionaries among the Indians here in this lake region, that on one occasion he told his companions that he had just seen a vision, a vision of a luminous cross, luring him on into the wilderness among the tribes not yet evangelized. His fellow-missionaries asked him, "Brother, how large was that cross?" and the significant reply was, "It was large enough to crucify us all." We have certainly had here a luminous vision of Christ and His cross and His passion, which should crucify every one of us with Jesus Christ unto the world and lead us out into a larger field of service. And if this result be attained, we can certainly enlist the whole Church in America in self-denying effort for the world's evangelization.

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## WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM TORONTO

MR. S. J. MOORE, TORONTO

THE coming of this Convention to the city is one of the things that has been looked forward to for a number of months. It is an event which has been prayed about, which has been thought about for these months, and it has been expected that when the members of this Convention were assembled here, they would be of the best which this North American continent could send; that they would be of the best which the Christian world could send; that they would be among the best that the laborers in the benighted regions beyond could send. I am sure that it is the opinion of those who have had the privilege of attending the meetings of this Convention, that that expectation has been realized. And if it be true, as we are glad to believe that it is, that those who have come to the city of Toronto, who have entered its homes, who have come