

made inquiries of the different delegates regarding records and reports of committees. He continued by saying there are two kinds of statistics we may gather: 1st. Items of personal interest, as home addresses of the different members and any other items which may prove of value. 2d. Items of Association work,—a statement of what is being accomplished by the Association as a whole, and by the different committees. Mr. Lee's suggestion was that monthly reports should be upon regular forms, because it obviates excuses,—the forms to vary with the different committees. If this became monotonous, the president might ask for oral reports, and have these written up and perhaps published in the college paper. The speaker thought that records are valuable—first, because they spur men on to work and to planning their work; second, because they enable us to avoid monotony; third, they enable us to avoid repetition of mistakes; fourth, because they give us a standard of our work, and we know what has been done in preceding years.

Mr. Mott said he wished to emphasize three things: 1. That no man has a more important position and one with so many possibilities as the president of an Association. 2. One of the best means that he had found of securing co-operation of committees and keeping the Association at work was to have the heads of committees meet for a three hours' session to talk over Association matters. Such a gathering is valuable—first, in that it binds men to you; second, in that it shows the committeemen that the strength of an Association depends upon them; third, and most important, is the difficulty of preparing a suitable successor for the president of the current year. It takes men of power to get men at work and keep them at work. Unless they can do this they will fail.

The time for the conference having expired, an adjournment was made to the dining-room.

The Student Volunteer Conference was held at the same time at the Alpha Delta Phi chapter-house. It was of great value to the large number who attended.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The subject of the evening meeting was, "Opportunities for Christian College Graduates." President Raymond took up "Opportunities in the Ministry." The great need of the church is leadership in action. The Christian minister must be a

man of high type. He must be a man of faith, as defined in Rom. x. 10. In the physical man, every pulse-beat, every action, every expenditure of energy, is of the heart. So faith pertains to the activity of the whole man. Faith of heart is belief of the intellect, the consent of the affection and the assent of the will. Faith without reason is superstition, and the Christian minister must have a reason for the faith within him. The most thorough training is necessary to-day. Bishop Foster said to a class of candidates for the Christian ministry, "If you are called to preach, you are called to get ready. And if you don't want to get ready, we don't want you to preach." But brain is not enough; he must be a man of heart. He must have foresight; otherwise he will always be doing little things.

Men must be sent. Moses and Paul were sent in a peculiar way. But the day is past when men are called, or need to be called, in such ways. When I was twelve years of age there came a conviction to me that I must preach the Gospel. Eight long years I tried to overcome it. At twenty, under the inspiration of a revival, I said, "Yes, this is God's will; I will preach the Gospel." No man should take this step until the conviction is settled that he must preach. As to the attractions, the minister has access to the centre of power; he can influence young men and carry society forward. The minister must be a man of large type, and one who feels that he is sent.

Rev. David Allen Reed discussed "The General Secretaryship." He said: "The opportunities and responsibilities of the Christian worker are greater than ever before. This is a time of great world movements. The great question is, Where and how can I do the most for mankind? The second great opening, after the ministry and missionary work, is the General Secretaryship. Young men hold the key to the world. A day spent with the General Secretary shows that he must be a man of scholarly preparation and of faith. He must make every pastor feel that because of his relation to the Y. M. C. A. he is a stronger pastor. The opportunity is boundless, and it has a right to demand the attention of college men. Other professions are crowded, but here there is a great demand. Last year 139 calls for General Secretaries came to us, and we were able to send only 39. Some men say, 'We will be merchants and make money, and give it to the cause;' but remember that God does not want your money, He wants you."