

to go as to stay at home. The presumption is that every man should go where there is the most demand for him. It cannot be urged that we are not qualified, for each of us is something, and heathendom has nothing. We must meet the question face to face.

The glowing eloquence and intense earnestness of Mr. Speer made a marked impression on the meeting. Each man was asked to decide the question, and while all bowed their heads in silent prayer, an opportunity was given to those who wished, to enlist in the missionary army. Quite a number then and there dedicated their lives to the cause of the Master in heathen lands.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The meeting of Sunday evening was a fitting close to a Convention which throughout was marked to an unusual degree by great interest and intense fervor. The conditions were all favorable for a successful and profitable service.

The large auditorium of the Methodist church was filled to overflowing when Mr. Mott stepped to the front of the platform at 7:30, and gave out the familiar hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." After the singing several brief prayers were offered, and then the great audience united in singing "Showers of Blessing." At the conclusion of this hymn Dr. H. Clay Trumbull, editor of the *Sunday School Times*, spoke for thirty-five minutes on the subject of "Personal Work." Dr. Trumbull's address was one of those efforts which cannot be reported; the intense earnestness, the interest that always attaches to the narration of personal experience, cannot be reproduced. The speaker began by pointing out what must be the basis of all successful personal work. It must include the work of the Holy Spirit upon the individual, and then will follow his work upon others. He cannot rely upon his own strength,—“Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord,”—nor upon numbers, but upon the power of God. The duty of every consecrated man who would be faithful, is to ask his Master: “Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?” and waste no time in asking, but go to work. Turning to the difficulties of personal work, the speaker pointed out that it is far easier to preach to a thousand who will listen to anything you may say, provided you allow them to go away and do as they please afterwards, than to approach a man alone and speak to him of his soul's eternal welfare. It is hard to do. The tempter is always

ready with excuses,—the time is inopportune, you will be better equipped at another time, or he will be more favorably inclined to hear,—some reason for delay is sure to be advanced. Nor had the speaker found, after forty years of personal labor, during which his invariable rule has been to always speak of personal religion if he converses with a man long enough to choose his own topic, that it is any easier to do this to-day than it was when he began in young manhood. But though the difficulties are great, the results are commensurate with them. Many times they cannot be measured. Perhaps a word spoken the next hour may be the means of sending a Paul or a Luther, a Wesley or a Moody into the world to do great things in the name of the Lord, as the result of the effort of an humble Christian. He had himself the best reason for engaging constantly in work of this kind, for his own conversion was brought about by the personal effort of a friend in his old boyhood home, who wrote him a letter pleading with him to give his heart to God. Nor should unfavorable external circumstances be permitted to prevent the broaching of the vital topic. There is no such thing as a hopeless case. Time and again had he been astounded by the ready reception his advances had received from those from whom he fearfully anticipated indifference or coldness. One instructive experience was during the war, with the profane captain of a vessel, who declared that he “had been up to nigh about everything except piety,” and yet a word spoken now and again was blessed by the Master to the old man's conversion. Continuing in this line, Dr. Trumbull spent the balance of his time in the narration of his personal experience with unconverted men,—all of them illustrative of the possibilities that lie close at hand for all of us if we will only reach out and grasp them.

At the close of Dr. Trumbull's address the audience bowed their heads for a moment of silent prayer, and then united in singing “In the Cross of Christ I Glory.” Mr. Mott briefly stated some facts of interest concerning the work among colleges, and then called on several gentlemen to present special phases of the work. Mr. Parsons of Yale spoke of the work Mr. Reynolds, '84, is doing among the colleges of Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Germany, France and Belgium, in introducing there the methods of work employed in America. Mr. Sailer of Princeton described the work of L. D. Wishard, Princeton, '77, who is