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Brethren:

On a former occasion it was my privilege to remark that, "The Y. M. C. Associations had been admirably organized and extended; they have been, little by little formed into groups, the groups into Divisions, the Divisions into Departments and the Departments regulated by suitable Congresses, stamped with national and international names."

This biennial meeting is one of the Congresses referred to. Its object is mutual study, mutual counsel and the prospective increase of Divine favor. To those who thus gather together the results have thus far been intrinsic and abundant. The mutual study has served to bring up the knowledge of young men less familiar with good and uniform methods and to vivify and enthuse all hearts, and especially the lukewarm and thus to better prepare the various delegates to go back to their homes, churches and associations fresher and brighter equipped for their appointed business, and earnestly ready
On a former occasion I was by privilege to
acquaint you with the Y. M. C. Association and
with its object, the improvement of existing
methods of organizing and teaching. I have seen
little by little come into groups, the groups into
divisions, the divisions into departments and the
departments united in a national and inter-national
union.

The principal meeting for one of the conferences
relates to the object to which this body is
devoted and the prospect of increase or decrease of
work. To those who have been together the
results have been very salutary and important. The
work has thus far been productive and successful.

Many souls have been reached and trained to think and
practise in the knowledge of
such subjects as were needed to reach all the knowledge of
the subject and to vivify and enhance the faculties and
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this body for the good of their homes and
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for recruiting and training and blessing those who sent them. The intrinsic effect of such gatherings from the time of the Apostles till now, has been to mark the way with mile-stones, to emphasize the gains, to divest old methods of superfluities, and to produce that Divinely ordered agreement which our Master has ever demanded of his people for best results. Yes, these conventions are, when successful, epoches of progress to the participants, and through them a source of development to all whom they reach.

We cannot too much emphasize the effects of mutual counsel. Our Lord's way was to send out his friends two and two. Two brethren both having in their hearts the controlling love of Christ, can read the Divine word together, converse familiarly one with the other and reveal difficulties and secure positive help from continued intercourse, while they drink deeply from the fountain of hope, comfort and joy, because they keep Christ's injunction to agree the one
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with the other, as they walk, as they meditate and as they converse by the way like the disciples en route to Emmaus. The Lord himself projects his spirit into the open door of their hearts, so that they are both brought up to his own heavenly plan of feeling, of thinking and of acting. This choice picture furnishes the elements of mutual counsel. When the groups of two come together and Christ himself receives them and listens to their stories of weakness, of trial, of effort and of success, He chides, he chastens, he instructs, he encourages, Yea, He even at times gives glimpses of triumph and so the enlarged mutual counsel is blended, is magnified and woven into a golden record for outside instruction and use.

Who that was there does not remember an early convention at Portland, Maine, where such golden record found its inception and began its fruition? Oh! the tears, the repentance, the self renunciation and the earnest prayers which then moulded together
with the other as they walk, as they wait, as they meditate and as
they converse. The way taken, the patience, the spiritual
journey. The Lord deepens patience. He enlightens the
open door of their hearts, so that they see God's

Both grace abound, grace abounds, grace abounds
abounds in all of us. In the face of our weaknesses, our
failures, our triumphs, and so the Church has
acknowledged, its weaknesses. Yet, in even at those times, grace

And grace abounds in all of us.
the active forces of that assembly; again at Detroit, Mich. where Dr. Duffield fell while delivering the address of welcome, and passed in triumph to his reward, what delegate who was there does not recall the intense fervor of that occasion and how that whole city of Detroit was shaken, where the peace that passeth understanding and the joy that was full pervaded the homes, the meetings and even the neighboring excursions? The intrinsic and extrinsic results of that mutual counseling can never be blotted out.

Once more in San Francisco, from the joyous welcome in the land of fruits and flowers on to the brotherly grasp of all hands in circles, when the final binding song was sung, who that was present did not rejoice at the glad tidings that came from all quarters, at the enthusiasm that was universal, and at the promise of seed-sowing and harvest which have since been reaped all over the world?

So much for Christian counsel which is the sweetest of all when enjoyed in the bonds of peace and
the estate located on the opposite Ararat Desert.

Whereas Dr. Bovill left White River visiting the
embassy of the United States, and became in friendship to the
visit, with delirium, who was there, not having the
intense honor of that occasion and you shall agree
the honor of having been appointed as the President of the
safety manufacturing and the War Department and
the honor of the meeting and even the neighboring ex-
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One more in San Francisco, from the Yoko we
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rest of all hands in circles, when to the Indian
song was sung, who sang my presence came out, but the
at the little things that come from all directions of the
entertainment that was remarkable, and of the promise of
see-sounding and present, which have since been repeated.

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So much for additional concern, which is the meet-
set of all men together in the peace of peace and
loving fellowship. Lastly, the Divine favor. The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. The spirit is not in the whirlwind but in the still small voice. The greatest helpfulness is not found, humanly speaking, in the tallest or strongest child, youth or man. It is not necessarily held and controlled by the largest, firmest, completest organization of believers nor by the multiplicity of them, because, God is swifter that the racer, more potent than the warrior, more powerful than the whirlwind and able to lift up the lowly and set him on the hill top. It is because God looketh not upon the outward appearance and trusteth not in the strength of battalions but He looketh upon the heart even the broken and contrite soul. He does not despise. Yea, he demonstrates his power and his happiness by making the foolish things of the world confound the wisdom of the wise, and the weak things of the world bring to naught the things that are mighty. My brethren, in the past you have
Joining fellowship, family, the divine law.

Face it not to the wall nor the posture to the stone.

The spirit is not in the whispering but in the still small voice. The greatest performance is not found in

permanency but in the fall of an enormous cliff.

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God is weaker than the least, more potent than the

worrier, more powerful than the whispering and able to

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fitter to the tower and set him on the hill top.

Because God looketh not upon the outward appearance

but upon the heart of the creature. He

looketh upon the heart even the prayer and confutation

also the voice of the heart. Yes the confession

before and the expression of making the foolish figure

of the mouth. Knowing the wisdom of the wise and the

weak strength of the wiser produce to enable the chance

that are mighty in my presence. In the best I have


endeavored to set before your fellow men the great things that your Y. M. C. Association has accomplished, and you will again put before them committees and secretaries and buildings and libraries, and gymnasiums and night schools and branches for colleges, for commercial travelers, for railroads; and you will show the immense fruits, the economic products, the astonishing expansions which have girdled the world in belts of blessings; and perhaps in Asia, in Africa and elsewhere using this simple organism, through this truly Catholic series of combinations, you will demonstrate the practicability of converting to Christ men of other religions that your own. But do not forget to wait at Jerusalem till you are endued with power from on high.

Let us repent of our besetting sins that our bodies and minds, yea, our very souls may be cleansed from every secret fault. If we can do this, do it honestly, do it thoroughly, then can the Lord build his work on foundations that cannot be shaken. God grant us
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longer than that cannot be startled. God grant us
this petition. First, to fit us and fill us with his Holy Spirit. Second, give us sweet counsel together. Third, replenish us with increase of knowledge and then send us back to our respective people with our armor brighter and our weapons newly pointed for a resistless warfare till victory and true glory shall gather us in.