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## PREFACE.

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Ever since the movement, which has now become a powerful influence in the world's development, began to manifest its spiritual force through local organizations of an impersonal type, the federation of these lesser organizations in a broad, free, coöperative association has been foreseen. Such an organization is now an actuality. The aim of those who have been instrumental in building this body is to make it the perfect expression of lofty ideals—the organism through which all the spiritual forces shall be freely and practically manifested.

Professor George D. Herron suggests something of the possibilities of practical helpfulness, which this organization promises, when he says: "I believe the New Thought movement must reveal the spiritual forces that are to save our civilization." Based as it is on the philosophy of practical idealism, the religion of spiritual development that leads to a conscious oneness with God, and the science that has for its foundation the universality of Love and Law, it has no hampering creed, no personal dogmas, no forms or ceremonials, no need for destructive methods. It is broad, tolerant, optimistic, constructive.

Throughout the Convention, the report of which is given in the following pages, this liberal and progressive spirit, tempered by a sane and reasonable conservatism, was manifested.

Theories were presented, but, in the main, theories that have been tested in the stress and strain of vital, daily experiences; theories that show how to bring our loftiest ideals more and more fully into present manifestation; theories whose aim is to make life richer and sweeter and more serene.

This report, covering as it does the proceedings and addresses in full, contains much that will be found helpful and interesting to all who would grasp the scope and meaning of this great movement, and much that is inspiring and suggestive to those who are already moving with its mighty current.



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