

the Rev. T. C. Street Macklem, and Mr. L. H. Baldwin. They laboured not only energetically, but wisely; and we have the benefit of their labours. To the Lord Bishop, who presided with even more than his accustomed kindness and grace, our thanks and congratulations are respectfully offered. As regards the comparative interest taken in the subjects discussed, it is not quite easy to form an opinion. On the first day the discussion of amusement and recreation was an admirable specimen of pleasant and courteous interchange of thoughts. As one of the speakers remarked, there was almost a complete identity of principle with very slight differences in the application. Mr. Martin's paper—an excellent one—was slightly misunderstood. Mr. Martin did not sanction betting in any shape; but he drew a distinction between gambling proper and a slight wager which was comparatively harmless. He very properly pointed out that, if one man could do this without hurting his own conscience, it was not for another to condemn him. The discussion on preaching was excellent as regards both the appointed paper and the debate which followed. Mr. Hoyle's speech was specially excellent. The evening session at the Y. W. C. Guild Hall was of absorbing interest—the papers of Dr. McConnell and Dr. Prall taking somewhat different attitudes towards socialism, but both being listened to with the greatest interest and warmly applauded by the crowded audience. On Thursday morning, the admirable paper by the earnest and eloquent Bishop of Huron was listened to with unusual interest, and the whole discussion was not unworthy of this beginning. In the afternoon Mr. Tatlock's first-rate speech on Church Clubs was one of the striking incidents of the Conference. Nor should Mr. Hartley's speech be overlooked. Plain and simple as it seemed, there was hardly a speech delivered at the Congress which produced a deeper impression. At the great evening meeting, with which the proceedings closed, there was perhaps more diversity of opinion expressed than on any previous occasion—Mr. Whitcombe, of Hamilton, and Mr. L. H. Baldwin, of Toronto, holding a brief for one side, and Rural Dean Armitage one for the other; Mr. Morgan and Professor Clark, we might say, mediating between the two. The discussion was carried on with spirit, and was followed with the deepest interest by the audience. We might perhaps say that there was only one drawback to the success of the meeting—the volunteer speakers were not sufficiently numerous. But this is a fault in the right direction, and it is one which will certainly be corrected, if these gatherings are continued. And, in order that such a result may be attained, two errors must be avoided. In the first place, the subjects discussed must not be so numerous, or they must be spread over a larger extent of time; and in the second place, the readers and speakers must be kept exactly to time. More than half of those who appeared on the platform exceeded their time. For this there is no defence. Every one knows perfectly well how many minutes he is allowed, and can prepare his paper or speech accordingly. It is, of course, more difficult with extempore speeches; but it is quite easy, or should be quite easy, for them to leave off when their time has expired. And for readers of papers there is no excuse whatever, especially as many of them waste some of their time in complaining of their limitation. Such violation of the rule is rude and inconsiderate. They are depriving others, as one of the speakers remarked, of time which belongs to them. These may seem

to be small matters; but small matters often contribute to the success or failure of human enterprises. In the present case, as we have said, little harm was done, as there was apparently little desire on the part of the uninvited to participate in the debates. But this will certainly alter; and therefore the rules of the meeting should be adhered to. The projectors of the recent gatherings modestly called their enterprise a Conference, and a Diocesan Conference. This was perhaps wise for a beginning. But it did not quite accurately describe the scheme. And, at any rate, it is desirable that its scope should be enlarged, and that this should be signified by its designation. The title of "Church Congress" has been sanctioned by nearly forty years' usage in England, and may well be adopted here. The meetings should be held, as far as possible, at different centres in successive years. The next might be at Ottawa, or Montreal, or Hamilton, or London; and it might be well for the gentlemen who did such good work for the Toronto Conference to enter into communication with leading Churchmen at one or more of these places. The Church Congress has become a necessity for us; and no one can doubt, from our recent experience at Toronto, that it is calculated to be of immense service to the Church.

H. T. RIDLEY, M.D.

In the sudden and unexpected death of H. T. Ridley, M.D., Hamilton loses one of her most highly respected citizens—the medical profession its oldest practising physician, and the Church militant one of her most loyal, consistent and faithful members. About two weeks since, Dr. and Mrs. Ridley left home in the very best of spirits, and seemingly in the enjoyment of excellent health, for a trip to St. John's, Newfoundland. On the return journey on the S. S. "Bonavista," on Tuesday morning last, the Dr. was called to his reward. The telegram announcing the death was a great surprise and shock to his family and friends. Dr. Ridley was born at Belleville, in 1827. He came to Hamilton in the year 1853, and built up a large and successful practice. His widow was formerly a Miss Murney, of Belleville. Five daughters are left, Mrs. R. H. Talbot, Hamilton, Mrs. E. Boyd, Milton, and Mrs. Baldwin, of Toronto; two daughters unmarried are Louise and Sophia. Dr. Ridley was at the time of his death churchwarden of Christ Church Cathedral; with this congregation he had worshipped and worked from the first. The other parishes which have sprung up in the city have had his sympathy and help. There was no home more given to hospitality than that of the good Dr. There are very few of the clergy of the present or past generation that have not experienced great kindness at his hands. Spending and being spent in the service of God and humanity, the worthy man gave his life. If the Church militant has been made the poorer by his removal, the Church expectant will be enriched by his presence. Such a noble life must have been full of inspiration.

"For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest—
Alleluia."

CANADIAN BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, MONTREAL, OCTOBER 8TH TO 11TH, 1896.

The completion of the programme already published in these columns has been delayed through many unforeseen circumstances in connection with the proposed speakers, but in no

small measure to the alteration in dates of the meeting of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. The programme is now printed with the names of the speakers so far as it has been possible under all the circumstances to complete them. The reports from Montreal show that the Brotherhood men and clergy there are throwing themselves into the Convention heart and soul, and are determined that the gathering should be one worthy of the Brotherhood and of their city. Most encouraging reports are being daily received of delegates who will be present in considerable numbers, certainly over 100, from as far east as Halifax and St. John, from the extreme western part of Ontario, and also from Winnipeg. These facts, with the annexed programme, should be sufficient to ensure a thoroughly good Convention. As is usual in Brotherhood gatherings, all men interested in any way in the objects of the Brotherhood and in aggressive Church work are welcomed at the Convention, if they come in any way authenticated by their parish or clergy. More than ordinary interest should likewise centre round this Convention and round the work of the Brotherhood at the present time by reason of the fact of the extension of the movement to England during the present year, and of the coming International Convention at Buffalo in the fall of 1897. For these reasons it behooves the Canadian Church at large to see that the Brotherhood, as far as it exists in Canada, is well to the front now and always.

PROGRAMME.—Thursday, October 8th, 1896.—3.30 to 5.30 p.m., Quiet Hours, by Rev. J. C. Roper, St. Thomas, Toronto, at Church of St. James the Apostle; 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Friday, October 9th, 1896.—7 a.m., Holy Communion; 9.30 a.m., Devotions; St. George's School-house, Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A., St. Martin's, Montreal; 10 a.m., Charge to the Brotherhood by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron; 11.15 a.m., Organization—Council Report, Report of International Committee, Report of Boys' Department, General Business; 1 p.m., Lunch; 2.15 p.m., Conference: "Our Difficulties." Chairman—H. J. Webber, All Saint's, Toronto. (a) Country; (b) Town—G. F. Rutten, St. Mary Magdalen, Napanee; (c) City—N. Ferrar Davidson, St. Luke's, Toronto. Address: "Our Possibilities," W. L. Prizer, Toronto. To be followed by a general discussion on the separate heads. 4.30 p.m., Addresses on "The Brotherhood Vow," Rev. W. J. Mucklestone, St. James', Perth, Ont.; A. M. Hadden, Calvary, New York, President of the New York Local Assembly; 8 p.m., Public Meeting, St. George's School-house; Chairman, N. Ferrar Davidson, President of the Canadian Council; Addresses on "Citizenship;" Speakers, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Hon. John P. Faure, New York, of the American Council; the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Niagara.

Saturday, October 10th, 1896.—7 a.m., General Corporate Communion, Christ Church Cathedral; celebrant, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal; 9.30 a.m., Devotions, Rev. R. J. Moore, St. Margaret's, Toronto; 10 a.m., Business; 10.30 a.m., Conference, "Work Amongst Older Boys;" Chairman, Rev. Lenox I. Smith, Montreal. (a) Bible-class Work, D. M. Stewart, St. Martin's, Montreal; (b) Boys' Department of the Brotherhood, R. G. Leybold, Secretary Boys' Department, U.S.A.; (c) Moral Development, Geo. R. Parkin, M.A., LL.D., Head Master, Upper Canada College, Toronto; 1 p.m., Lunch; 2 p.m., Business; 2.30 p.m., Question Box, Hon. John P. Faure; 3.30 p.m., Conference, "Wanted, Men for the Brotherhood;" Chairman, the Lord Bishop of Niagara. (a) Whom to get; (b) How to get them; 5 p.m., Address, "Ways to Win," Rev. Dyson Hague, St. Paul's, Halifax; 7 p.m., Informal Reception, St. George's School-house. Delegates are expected to use this opportunity of seeing as much as possible of other Brotherhood men, and comparing notes on the work.

Sunday, October 11th, 1896.—8 a.m., Holy Communion in city churches; 11 a.m., Morning Service, Anniversary Sermon; 3 p.m., Mass Meeting for Men, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron, the Hon. John P. Faure, Rev. John de Soyres, St. Martin's, St. John, N.B.; 7 p.m., Evening Service and Sermon by _____;