

Christian Endeavor Chat.

PREPARATIONS for the World's Convention in London, in 1900, are steadily progressing. There will be a number of altogether new features about this great gathering. It promises to be the largest assemblage of Christian workers ever held in Britain.

PROFESSOR ANDREWS, of Sackville, is the new president of the New Brunswick Union, and Mr. W. C. Turner, of Charlottetown, of the Prince Edward Island Union. We wish for these and the other officers a year of unparalleled prosperity in their work for Christ and the church.

THE provisional programme for the annual convention of the Quebec Union at Sherbrooke, Oct. 4-6, is full of good things. We notice that Mr. C. J. Atkinson, of Toronto, Secretary of the Canadian Council, and William Shaw, of Boston, Treasurer of the United Society, are each down for several addresses.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR has found a place in the army in Egypt and has marched into the Soudan with General Kitchener. A soldier Endeavorer from Cairo who was assigned to hospital work at Darmales Camp has organized a society. May this society be the forerunner of hundreds in this dark part of darkest Africa.

THE Endeavorers of Paris, France, are renting a house to be used as a chapel, in which regular services will be held. Three thousand invitation cards have also been circulated giving the list of churches and services. These cards were sent to every English-speaking resident in Paris whose name and address could be secured.

The British Weekly, one of the foremost religious journals of Great Britain, has commenced the publication of articles on our Prayer Meeting Topics. The first article was contributed by Ian Maclaren. These papers will do much to aid the Endeavorers of the old land in making their meetings helpful, as well as to encourage the movement generally in its work.

SOME of the most able of the German evangelical pastors are earnestly advocating Christian Endeavor. There are now sixty societies, and the number is steadily increasing. Secretary Blecher, of the C. E. Union of Germany, has gone into the work with his whole heart. He says, "With all my heart I am for this great cause. This movement belongs to God."

THE latest adaptation of the pledge idea of Christian Endeavor is, "The Worshippers' Band," formed by Dr. Robertson Nicoll, editor of *The British Weekly*. Its pledge is, "I desire to be enrolled as a member of this Band, and I promise to attend my place of worship, and other places in my absence from home as regularly as possible. I also promise to do what I can to induce others to attend a place of worship."

THE Endeavor society has been found an important aid in the work of missions in heathen lands. The missionaries in Foo Chow report that it is invaluable as a working force in the churches, and that it is fast extending its influence into the remote sections of the district. A large proportion of those who have this year united with the church have come in through the society as associate members.

THE earnest English pastor, Dr. John Clifford, of London, is always on the lookout to give a helping hand to the people he meets. Some of his holiday Sundays are spent in roaming about London and getting into direct touch with strangers. On one such occasion he asked a young fellow in Hyde Park why he did not attend a place of worship. The answer was a bitter tirade against clergymen. That young man is now the secretary of the Christian Endeavor union in his district in London.

AN interesting convention was that held last month at Langlaagte, South Africa. The meeting-place was a tent which accommodated 300. The ground was covered with dried grass, and Dutch and English sat together upon the ground. The "chair" was on the same elevation, a diminutive empty box serving as a reading-desk. It was found necessary to sing frequently in order that an opportunity might be given to straighten weary limbs and get the circulation restored. In spite of the discomforts the convention was most successful. Dutch and English voices blended harmoniously in hearty praise, each nationality singing in their own language to the familiar Sankey airs.

OUR movement has got a firm foothold in the city of Cairo, Egypt. An Arabic-speaking society of twenty has just been added to the two vigorous English-speaking societies. The secretary of one of the societies, Cora B. Dickey, gives the following interesting account of the work in her society:

"Our little portion of the Endeavor world is in a flourishing condition, although just at present we are rather scattered.

"We had fourteen British soldiers on our active members' list, but many of them have gone to the front, or will go shortly. Their presence has been very cheering and helpful during the past months. While the Cameron Highlanders were here quite a number of them attended the meetings.

"Our society is certainly a living witness of the fact that one composed of different denominations and nationalities may be harmonious. Our leaders are varied: one day a Syrian, the next a 'Britisher,' then perhaps an Armenian, followed by an American, etc.

"We have many subjects of prayer—our wants and needs vary. We are in a city that has three Sabbaths and yet none; where you hear the name of God on so many lips, but where God, the Son is not known."