

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

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PRESBYTERY REPORTS.

Reports on Young People's work have now been received by the Convener from twenty Presbyteries. They are of the most gratifying description, showing as they do, the great interest Presbyteries are taking in the Young People's movement, and the strong grip the Young People have of the mission work of the Church. The figures in detail will, when the returns are completed, show something of the strength of this new force, which is in training to carry forward the great enterprises to which the Church has put its hand. The Y. P. S. C. E. easily outnumbers all the other organizations. In some Presbyteries it is the only one. Presbytery Conveners are urged to transmit their reports to the Assembly's Convener without delay. The results will be vitiated by the omission of even a single Presbytery's report. It may be added that it is not too late, even yet, for individual societies to send in answers to the "Questions." When these reach the hands of Presbytery Conveners after their report has been forwarded, they will confer a favor by passing them on direct to the Assembly's Convener, who will add them to the several reports to which they belong.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island report thirty-three Young People's societies, of which twenty-six are Y. P. S. C. E., one junior C. E., ten Literary Associations, one Christian Alliance, one Mission Band, one Helping Hand and one Young People's Society. The total membership is 1,331, of which 607 are young men, and 622 young women. This is the largest proportion of young men yet reported, except from the far west.

SOCIETIES OF THE HAMILTON PRESBYTERY.

Fifty-one Societies in this Presbytery have reported to the Convener of the Committee on Young People's Societies. Of these thirty-nine are Christian Endeavor, six are Junior Endeavor, one a Mutual Improvement Class, one a Band of Hope, one a Boy's Mission Band, and three are Companies of the Boy's Brigade. The total membership of these societies is 2,015, and it is gratifying to learn that fully one-half of the membership of the Societies, 1,037 in all, are members in full communion with the Church. Most of the societies have been rendering a splendid service to the Church, both within the congregation and in missionary and benevolent work outside. The income of the societies for the past year was \$1,636. Of this amount \$443 was contributed for the schemes of the Church, and \$642 for congregational objects. One Society contributed \$95 to the Church Building Fund, and another gave \$190 to aid in erecting a Mission Sabbath school building.

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

Pharisees! with what have ye to reproach Jesus?

"He eateth with Publicans and Sinners." Is this all?

"Yes."

And you Caiaphas, what say you of Him?

"He is guilty; he is a blasphemer, because he said, 'Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of Heaven.'"

Pilate, what is your opinion?

"I find no fault in this Man."

And you, Judas, who have sold your Master for silver—have you some fearful charge to hurl against Him?

"I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood."

And you, Centurion and soldiers who led Him to the Cross, what have you to say against Him?

"Truly, this was the Son of God."

And you, demons?

"He is the Son of God."

John Baptist, what think you of Christ?

"Behold the Lamb of God."

"And you, John the Apostle?

"He is the bright and morning star."

Peter, what say you of your Master?

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And you, Thomas?

"My Lord and my God."

Paul, you have persecuted Him; what testify you of Him?

"I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

"Angels of Heaven, what think you of Jesus?

"Unto you is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

And Thou, Father in Heaven who knowest all things?

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Beloved reader, what think you of Christ?—*From the Spanish*

OVERSIGHT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

This is a question which is receiving a great deal of attention just now from those interested in the welfare of the Young People of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. It seems altogether likely that the general plan of oversight now in operation in our own Church will be the one adopted by the Assembly.

In a recent number of the *Presbyterian Banner*, Rev. Hugh B. McCauley, Chairman of the Committee on Young People's Societies of the Synod of New Jersey, sets forth the plan adopted by that Synod which has worked well for over two years, and which is recommended for adoption by the Assembly. Mr. McCauley wisely says: "What is wanted, in our opinion, is something that will not break up fellowship, by separating societies, nor neglect loyalty to one's own church, by leaving it to wander. The Denominational League tends to do the one; non-organization to do the other. Certainly both should exist together. Each man must bear his own burden, that is loyalty; each man must bear another's burden, that is fellowship. We ought to form a plan which shall operate along the lines of our present Presbyterian polity, by which all needful oversight and instruction, organization and co operation, may be secured."

OUTLINE OF PLAN.

All the Young People's Societies within the congregation report to session. A blank is prepared for the use of sessions in reporting to Presbytery. The Presbytery in turn reports to the Synod.

The following points in regard to the relation of the Societies to the sessions are suggestive:

(1) On or before April 1st, the end of the presbyterial year, the various Young People's Societies of the Church shall make a statistical report to session of their year's work, together with a brief summary of their labors.

(2) The session shall duly read and consider the same, and record the substance thereof in their minutes, in such manner and to such extent as shall faithfully exhibit the action taken; and shall make known to the congregation so much of the matter of the same as shall seem to them for the interest and welfare of the parties concerned, and shall determine how and when such a communication shall be made.

(3) By the phrase "Young People's Societies" shall be understood Christian Endeavor Societies, Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, King's Daughters, Young People's Unions, Boys' Brigades, Junior Christian Endeavor Societies, Mission Bands and all other societies for the instruction and training of young people, senior and junior, in the congregation.

(4) For the purpose of facilitating this report and oversight, all our sessions are requested to appoint one of their number to be the special Sessional Correspondent for this work, with their arc etics and also with the higher judicatories and with the Boards of the Church.

(5) The session of the church, being the proper legal guide and guardian of the Young People's societies of the congregation, shall be expected to confer with their societies about all matters connected with their training and development, and about the important subject of their benevolent contributions so as to make sure that the interesting and pressing work of our own denomination shall secure the attention and support which it deserves.

The tenth anniversary of the formation of the King's Daughters will be held at the Y. W. C. A., Elm St., Toronto, on Thursday, April 30th, under the auspices of the Toronto City Union.

Not I, but Christ, be honoured, loved, exalted,
Not I, but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard,
Not I, but Christ, in every look and action,
Not I, but Christ, in every thought and word.

Not I, but Christ, in lowly silent labour,
Not I, but Christ, in humble, earnest toil,
Christ, only Christ, no show, no ostentation,
Christ, none but Christ, the gatherer of the spoil.

Christ, only Christ, no idle word e'er spoken,
Christ, only Christ, no needless, bustling sound,
Christ, only Christ, no self-important bearing,
Christ, only Christ, no trace of "I" be found.

Christ, only Christ, ere long will be my vision,
Glory excelling, soon, full soon, I'll see,
Christ, only Christ, my every thought fulfilling,
Christ, only Christ, my All in All to be.