

requiring discussion should be referred to the Executive Committee. He would prefer that all societies should use the Christian Endeavor Topics, but if from any good reason any society wished to take up other topics or subjects of their own, they had a perfect right to do so. He would advise against mixing social times with religious times. He would advise having a special time, say once a month, appointed for a social. He believed in making sentence prayers in the Christian Endeavor meetings very prominent. He would have a bulletin board convenient and have the names of sick people written on it for the use of the flower committee. He suggested that presidents of Christian Endeavor Societies be placed on the governing Board of the church. He preferred to raise money by free-will offerings in envelopes from members of the society. With regard to a union with the Epworth League, he stated that the name should go with the principles. He did not think it fair for the Epworth League to adopt Christian Endeavor methods, call them their own, then seek a union with the Christian Endeavor, stipulating that the name Christian Endeavor should be the name of a department only, and the name Epworth League be the name of the society. He stated most distinctly that every church society was welcome to enter the ranks, providing they took the interdenominational name of Christian Endeavor. Dr. Clark said the Christian Endeavor society that is contented to curl up in its shell has begun to die. "Larger things for Christ" should be our motto—never satisfied, always progressing. He believes thoroughly in the young people and the grand possibilities which they possess, and which only needs calling out. He emphasized the value of having a great and high motive; of appreciating the largeness of our opportunities. He asked if Paul should come back to us and join one of our Christian Endeavor societies, and if he were placed third member on the Look-out Committee, or fifth member on the Prayer Committee, would he fold his hands and think it beneath his dignity? Oh no, Paul would only be too glad of a chance to work. Dr. Clark said that the Christian Endeavor army in America was 800,000 strong; that it would take this number two days and two nights, (or 50 hours) to pass a given point at the rate of 15,000 per hour; that besides this great army, Endeavorers were to be found in China, Japan, Australia, Islands of the Pacific, among every nation in the world and among every Evangelical denomination in the world. One thought he

emphasized again and again, that every Christian Endeavor society must be first of all, loyal to its own Church and its own Pastor. Dr. Clark stated that information in the form of leaflets on every phase of the work would be sent free on application to 50 Broomfield Street, Boston.

The day sessions in the handsome Sunday School room of the Central Presbyterian Church were perhaps most valuable to Endeavorers. The papers read were excellent and the Question Box, opened by Dr. Clark, gave us many hints that were extremely valuable. Mrs. Lounsbury received special praise for her exquisite paper on the Flower Committee work. Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Toronto, made the wittiest speech of the Convention—his subject was "Enthusiasm." He compared an enthusiastic Christian to a dog chasing a fox. A dog curled up in a corner, with nothing particular in view, was much affected by caresses or scoldings, but when after the fox he was so intensely interested that he did not care what anybody said to him. So with Endeavorers, if we were in dead earnest we would not be affected by ridicule or scoffing—we would keep at our work. He said some people ask me do you want us to deny ourselves everything, dancing, theatre-going, etc.? He would answer No! If you are an enthusiast, it will be no hardship,—it will be your meat and drink to do the Master's will. You will be so intensely interested that you won't have time or patience to waste your evenings in going to parties and dancing or card playing. Just fancy asking Nehemiah, when building the walls around Jerusalem, with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other, "can you come down and have dance"? and perhaps Sanballet will play the fiddle. The absurdity of asking such a question is too apparent, so it is equally absurd to ask a Christian Enthusiast to spend his time in such follies.

The music of the Convention was applauded by everyone. Our Choir leader, Mr. W. H. Robinson, received flattering remarks from all quarters. Rev. Dr. Clark paid special tribute to the excellence of the music furnished by the grand choir of 120 voices.

With respect to an Endeavor night, Dr. Clark said that he hoped we would succeed in establishing a common night for Endeavor work in Hamilton and in our Province, then it would spread to the neighboring States.