

# PURPLE AND GOLD

Ontario's Grand Rally in Hamilton, October 11th to 13th

**D**RIPPING skies and chilling winds did not prevent the attendance of many hundreds of young people at the splendid convention. From all parts of the province they came, east, west, north, and south, to enjoy the Christian fellowship afforded, and receive profit from the carefully planned meetings. It was a most successful rally, and the delegates will long remember the days of blessing in the beautiful city so picturesquely situated between the bay and mountain.

Hamilton's proverbial hospitality met the delegates on their arrival at station platforms and steamboat landings in the person of scores of white-capped members of the Reception Committee. Leaden skies could not detract from the warmth of the welcome bestowed. Everywhere doors were opened wide to the visitors and thoughtful preparations made for their comfort.

The Armory proved to be, on the whole, a successful meeting-place. The decorations were abundant and most tastefully arranged. Bunting and banners and flags in great variety adorned the walls and ceiling of the great building, while mottoes spoke out on all sides of the aims and hopes of Christian Endeavor.

Everyone was delighted with the music. The chorus of two hundred voices, under the leadership of Mr. Robinson, rendered splendid service. The singing was one of the outstanding features of the convention.

The programme was varied, practical, bright, and spiritual. All departments of Christian Endeavor work were touched upon, and the impression made by a number of addresses was deep and abiding. Quickened interest in the work and a fuller consecration will surely follow as the appropriate fruits of this helpful gathering. The part taken by Dr. Clark, the beloved founder of the movement, was greatly enjoyed. His words were listened to with deepest interest. We are pleased to be able to publish the powerful address on "Our Christian Endeavor Birthright," which he delivered at the closing consecration service. We commend it to our readers in all parts of the Dominion. It is a distinct message and deserving of the earnest consideration of all Christian young people.

## Under Grey Skies.

### The Opening Sessions.

**T**HE rain was falling steadily when the convention was called to order by the president, Rev. Wm. Johnston, on Tuesday afternoon. But in spite of the gloom without and the patter of the rain upon the roof the meeting was bright and cheery.

After devotional exercises led by Rev. Mungo Fraser, D.D., the convention sermon was delivered by Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.D., of London. Opening the convention in this manner is an innovation in our provincial gatherings, but it proved a worthy innovation and one well worth following. Mr. Johnston chose as his text, John 21:17, "Lovest thou me?" and from it struck the keynote for an earnest and deeply spiritual convention. Love to Christ, he said, formed the sum and substance of the Christian life, and the fullness of the answer to the question of the text was the sum of the Christian's consecration. He warned his hearers against a consecration that was formal and mechanical, and said that the measure of the Christian's love to God was the measure of his consecration. Love to Christ, he assured his hearers, was not to be gained by means of any mere mechanical methods, but by dwelling in fellowship with Jesus Christ. Through communion with Him, His followers would become like Him, learn to love as He loved, and come to know the secret of real consecration.

A hearty address of welcome was given by D. A. Rowland, the chairman of the Convention Committee. He extended the cordial greetings of his committee and of the city union to the visiting delegates.

Warm words of welcome were then added by Rev. J. G. Shearer on behalf of the ministers and Christian people of the city. His address was full of enthusiasm and encouragement in the work.

In his characteristically apt manner, Rev. A. F. McGregor, of Toronto, voiced the thanks of the delegates. He said that there was no city wider or more generous in its sympathies than Hamilton, and humorously spoke of the delegates coming to it by land and water—chiefly by water. The thoughts of his bright address gathered around the following acrostic by means of which he summed up the characteristics of the Hamiltonians: **H**earty, **A**ccessible, **M**ountain, **I**mportant, **L**oyal, **T**emperate, **O**utspoken, **N**ervy.

### A Live Conference.

The Round Table on New Methods, led by S. John Duncan-Clark, of Toronto, proved to be an interesting hour.