

dency of the Society is to bring the young women more to the front, and lead them to take a more active part in the work of the church.

Rev. Mr. Clark, of Boston, the father of the Society, was present, and added much to the interest and usefulness of the gathering. The exercises of the convention consisted chiefly in papers and addresses, which were, for the most part, very good. Perhaps better results might have been attained in the way of bringing out the work, and best methods of work, of the Christian Endeavour Society had a larger proportion of the time been devoted to discussion.

There can be no doubt of the benefit of the individual society to the young people of the individual congregation. It is a question to be solved by the future, how far local and provincial and world wide unions and conventions will do good. The tendency will be to more complete organization on a large scale, and may thus tend to defeat in some measure the very end for which the Society was founded, to cultivate loyalty to the individual church.

May the guidance and blessing of God be given to the earnest efforts of the young people in working out their own motto, "For Christ and the Church."

Maritime Notes,

Rev. J. F. Smith was inducted into the pastorate of Grove Church, Richmond, Halifax, July 31st.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Presbyterian W. F. M. S. will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Kentville, on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Godfrey Shore was inducted into the pastorate charge of Carleton St. (West End) Presbyterian Church St. John, N. B., August 12.

The annual meeting of the Pictou Presbyterian W. F. M. S. will be held in Prince St. Hall, Pictou, Sept. 4th, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Grant of Trinidad and Miss Copeland will be present.

At Shubenacadie on the 25th July Mr. and Mrs. Henry celebrated their silver wedding. A large gathering, including a number of the neighboring ministers, was present to rejoice with them that did rejoice.

Rev. K. J. Grant accompanied by Rev. H. McLean of Lochaber, has been holding a most interesting series of meetings in Cape Breton, meeting everywhere with a warm welcome and stirring up a deep interest in the work in Trinidad.

A Sabbath school conference was held at Lochaber, July 22nd. The morning and afternoon sessions were spent in reading and discussing papers on various aspects of S. S. work, while in the evening a large audience listened with deep interest to Rev. K. J. Grant on his work in Trinidad.

The new Sharon Church was opened at Stelarton on Sabbath, Aug. 17. Rev. A. J. Mowatt, their first pastor, preached in the morning, and Rev. T. Cumming, the second pastor, in the evening. The large and beautiful church well filled at both services. The history of the congregation has been one of steady progress by a band of stable, earnest, Christian people.

On the 27th July the Presbytery of Pictou met at Union Centre for visitation. Mr. K. J. Grant preached as he had done the previous day at Glenelg. The condition of the congregation as shown by the replies to the questions was most satisfactory. Prayer-meetings and Sabbath-Schools are well maintained throughout the congregation, all financial obligation promptly met, and the schemes of the church liberally supported.

The Presbytery of Pictou visited the congregation of Glenelg on Wednesday, July 23. Missionary work was combined with the visitation, for Rev. K. J. Grant preached and spoke on mission work in Trinidad. The answers to the question of Presbytery showed the congregation to be in a prosperous condition. There is no debt, financial obligations are promptly met and the schemes of the church supported with fair liberality. Prayer-meetings and Sabbath-schools are maintained in the different sections of the congregation.

We commend the following extract most heartily to the attention of all our readers:

If laymen knew how much help they can give the pastor by listening properly, they would be surprised. One hearer who closes his eyes and drops his head, or gazes listlessly about the room during the sermon, may seriously embarrass the preacher and spoil a good sermon. The hearer who uses his eyes as well as his ears to drink in the message, and by his whole countenance and attitude manifests deep interest in the word preached, is a valuable assistant to the oft-discouraged pastor."