

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR COLUMN.

Nearly ninety-five per cent. of the membership of Young People's Societies is women and girls, says the Report of the Toronto Synod's Committee on the State of Religion. It is sad that young men should be in such a minority in religious work. Shall it be so in Heaven?

The C. E. Societies of Montreal are entering upon a new line of work, viz. that of persuading as many people as possible in their several congregations to deal only with grocers who do not sell liquor. They are diligently prosecuting their canvas in this very practical kind of temperance work.

Cleveland The Committee in charge of arrange-

1894. ments for the 13th International Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, from July 11th to 15th, are expecting thirty thousand delegates. Cleveland is on the shore of Lake Erie, is centrally located, and easy of access, the railroad rates are one fare for the round trip. There is no free entertainment allowed at such gatherings, and if private houses do not wish payment, the amount is usually given to the General Expense Fund. Board can be obtained in Cleveland at an average of \$1.50 per day for the Convention, and in some cases less. There will be ample accommodation for all who come. Let the stay-at-home convention, which will be nearly a million and a half strong, pray that the meeting may not merely be a grand enthusiastic rally, but a means of instruction strength, and true spiritual growth.

For Answer in What are some of the most the Meeting- helpful things you have seen love accomplish among those you know?

What is the greatest love the world has ever known?

What has Christ's love done for the world?

What are some of the differences between two names one with love in it, and the other without?

How can we become more loving than we are?

How does love help the one who loves as well as the one who is loved?

What things can love accomplish in the school-room? on the playground?

Whom should we love?

When people love others, how should they show it?

What are some of the terrible results of hate, the opposite of love?

What are some proofs you can give that Christ loves you?

How is Christ's love helping the world all the time?—*Golden Rule.*

Idolatry in A strange sight for a Christian city **Our Midst.** was that of the funeral ceremonies in connection with the burial of a Chinaman in Montreal last month. There was the scattering spirit money, the offering of food, a roast chicken, and wine, the burying of joss sticks and much clothing, etc. Then worse even than the idol worship, is the gambling, opium smoking and vicious practices, when they herd together in any one quarter of the city, and now is an opportune time for giving them the gospel, before the places and powers of evil get firmly entrenched.

For Christ and Our double motto, "for Christ," **the Church.** and "for the Church," as the agency through which we work for Him. "For the Church" means for each one of us, work for our own congregation as the part of Christ's Church in which He has placed us. To live our motto "For Christ," we must know Him and know what His will is, what He wants of us. We must learn daily more and more of Him; to live our motto "For the Church," we must know the Church, know her work and wants, her missions at home and abroad, all the work that she is doing for Christ. Only in this way can we be true endeavours.

The Church One of our ministers writes **prayer meeting.** to the *Canada Presbyterian*, "I am pleased to see your Y.P.S.C.E. column. I find that my young people here ignore the church prayer-meeting. They are doing a good work and we have a flourishing society. They have a prayer-meeting on Sunday evening before service, half an hour, and also on Tuesday evenings, 8 to 9. It is too much to ask them to come back on Wednesdays. I believe the prayer-meeting should be attended, and that the purpose of the Endeavor Society was to help the prayer-meeting and not to weaken it.

A brief C. E. The Christian Endeavor **prize essay.** consecration service has been of incalculable value to me in many ways. It always serves to bring me closer to Jesus, and shows me new beauties in his character. It causes me to make a self-inspection, and to see how little I am doing for Him who did so much for me, and thus incites me to greater work in the future. It makes me more grateful. It helps me in my endeavor to be a better Christian,—to be more like Jesus. It stimulates in me a love for God, and deepens my sympathy with humanity. It increases my loyalty to Christ, and leads me to consecrate myself more thoroughly to his service. This nearness to the Lord; this realization of his beautiful character; this gratitude [for his love and kindness; and this increased loyalty to him, bring me a peace and joy that cannot be described, and that only the loving and loyal followers of the Master can feel and experience. —J. N. B., in *Golden Rule.*