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"One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

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ADDITIONAL honor has been placed upon the HERALD through its having been chosen as the medium of official communication for the new Dominion organization—The Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor. Communications from officers of the Council will be found in this issue.

THE December issue of the HERALD will be the annual Junior Number. It will contain several new features of especial interest to Junior workers. The HERALD's Junior Number has always been one of the best of the year, and our staff has determined to make the next number the best of all. Every Junior and Junior worker in the Dominion should have a copy.

"We are advertised by our loving friends." The best helpers any journal can have are subscribers who find its pages an increasing source of pleasure and profit. The HERALD is pleased to know that all its subscribers belong to this class. We began the year with the promise that no effort would be spared to make our paper a source of stimulus, information, and help to Canadian Endeavorers. That promise has been fulfilled. Our subscribers from all parts of the Dominion acknowledge this by their warm words of appreciation. In looking forward to another year, and as we plan for new features, we again assure our friends that the HERALD will be in the front rank of Christian Endeavor publications during 1897. Every subscriber may help us in the furtherance of our plans. Every new subscriber received means the strengthening of our hands for the work. You prize the HERALD. You find it bright, helpful, up-to-date. Will you not do something for others by making the HERALD known. Now is the time to secure subscribers. Order sample copies and form a club in your society. You will thus help the HERALD and help your society. Begin at once. Show the HERALD to your friends. Each issue speaks for itself.

#### O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD.

AS the day of national thanksgiving draws near, it is well to get our hearts in tune to sing the Hallelujah chorus. It seems more difficult to pitch the soul to the major key of gratitude and praise than to the minor key of complaint and anxious foreboding. And yet, how many more reasons we have for thanksgiving than for discontent! There is no individual in all our broad land so unblest that he has no cause to raise some note of joy to swell the chorus of a nation's praise. Our land has rested under the

banner of God's love. Nor war, nor pestilence have touched our borders. The husbandman has not labored in vain. If less than the usual harvest has been garnered in some places, the lack has been more than made up by the abundance in others.

"Our common mother rests and sings  
 Like Ruth among her garnered sheaves;  
 Her lap is full of goodly things;  
 Her brow is bright with autumn leaves.  
 O favors every year made new!  
 O gifts with rain and sunshine sent!  
 The bounty overruns our due,  
 The fulness shames our discontent."

It is fitting that once each year the whole nation should unite in acknowledging the goodness of the great Giver. It is fitting that by means of prayer, and praise, and Scripture exposition men and women should be made more truly conscious of the Eternal Presence and Care. It is the glory of religion that it affords a spiritual interpretation of the things of the earthly life and the interests of the common day. It gives a spiritual significance to the procession of the seasons and brings us face to face with God. In no occasion is this more impressively disclosed than in the thanksgiving season. The Divine wisdom and faithfulness, goodness and love, are brought near to every devout soul. Wherever we look, in the fields of nature, or Providence, or grace, we find abundant occasion to magnify the name of the Lord and praise Him for the mercy that endureth forever.

There is a tendency in some quarters to undervalue the importance of the day of thanksgiving. Evidence of this lack of appreciation may be found in the meagre congregations which too frequently are found in response to the call for praise, and also in the disposition to turn it into a gala day, a day of sport and worldly pleasure. That the religious purpose of the day may be preserved, the earnest effort of all Christians is required. "Better no thanksgiving day at all than to turn it into a mere secular holiday," say some. But better still, incomparably better, would it be to preserve the true meaning of the day and make it what it was designed to be, a glad, holy day in which a grateful people bow before the Source of all blessing in humble acknowledgment of all His mercies. Christian Endeavorers, everywhere, may aid in making the day one of gracious spiritual influences. Be present at the service and invite others to it. Help to make the singing full and jubilant. Co-operate with the pastor and church officers in making the service memorable because characterized by brightness, devotion, and spiritual power.

#### THE CANADIAN COUNCIL.

WE make our bow to the Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor. It will be hailed with delight by Endeavorers from ocean to ocean. For several years the need of some bond of union between the provinces of the Dominion has been felt. The new organization comes into existence to meet that need, and will give unity to the movement in Canada, as it has not had before.

The organization is of a very simple character, and this is well. A more elaborate organization, at the present stage of the movement, would have added greatly to the expense of operation without securing greater efficiency. No legislative func-

tions are to be discharged. The Council exists mainly as a bureau of information for the Dominion, and to foster an exalted Christian patriotism.

It is needless to say that the very cordial relations that exist between Canadian Endeavorers and their brethren in the United States will not be interfered with. Christian Endeavor stands for international fellowship as well as for interdenominational fellowship, and the Canadian Council is but another link in the great World's Union that binds together the Endeavorers of all nations in bonds of Christian sympathy. The Canadian Council has before it a splendid field for service. It begins its career under the happiest auspices. The United Society extends its warmest greetings. May it be used of the Master for the extension and strengthening of our beloved movement throughout the length and breadth of our fair Dominion.

#### JOTTINGS.

What you are able to do for Christ depends upon what you are.

Get a copy of the official report of the Ottawa convention. It is full of interesting and suggestive material.

More than half of the people in the world have never heard of Jesus. What are you doing to give them the Gospel?

South Africa has fallen into line and formed the South Africa Christian Endeavor Union with Rev. Andrew Murray as president.

Rev. G. H. C. MacGregor, D.D., says there are three things our God wants: "Consecrated persons, consecrated prayers, consecrated purses." Who of us will give Him the desire of His heart.

At the Irish C. E. Convention held recently in Belfast, Rev. E. P. Hosse said: "The Christian Endeavor Society, though of the nineteenth century in its form, is of the first century in its spirit and power."

A timely message is given in *Christian Endeavour* from Rev. W. Robertson Nicoll, LL.D., the well-known editor. He says: "Dear Christian Endeavorers,—Fill the empty pews of your churches. Nothing discourages every form of Christian work so much as meagre audiences on Sunday. If you bring your youthful energy and zeal into the work of recruiting congregations you will vitalize the work of the church in every part. Be present yourselves and seek to bring others, and you will win the sympathy, the gratitude, and the confidence of office-bearers as you could in no other way."

The question of Sunday street cars is still agitating the people of Toronto. Twice the citizens have been called upon to decide whether they would have the quiet of their Sabbath preserved or whether they would choose the harbinger of the continental Sunday—the Sunday street cars. Twice the citizens have declared decisively for the former. Those in favor of Sunday cars are not satisfied and ask that the vote be taken again. There is no evidence that the decision will be different, but when the struggle comes hard work will be necessary. And as on former occasions Toronto Endeavorers may be counted upon to do valiant service for the preservation of the Lord's Day.