

A very interesting and profitable prayer meeting is conducted by the young people every Sunday morning from 10.15 to 10.45 with an average attendance of from 20 to 30.

Perhaps no Christian Endeavor society in this city has suffered more by removal of members from the city than has ours.

During the past year no less than 13 of our most active members have severed their connection with us by this means, and while we feel the loss, we believe that God is using them as a means for still further spreading this good work. Our members are working hard to make the Ontario Convention a success.

Dr. Fraser gave a 15 minutes talk on Monday, July 6th to our society, on some practical Christian Endeavor work, as drawn from his experience at the International Convention, lately held at St. Louis, the talk was very interesting and profitable. Speaking of International Conventions, our society has just about decided to send one or more delegates to the convention next year in Minneapolis, and we intend to begin at once to make the preparation for it.

#### HERKIMER ST. BAPTIST CHURCH. Y. P. S. C. E.

Is alive and active since its inception, Jan. 14th, 1890, it has more than doubled its membership, several of our associate members have become active members, and united with the Church. The meetings are well attended, the various committees are working faithfully, and God is abundantly blessing their efforts. As a band of young people we have great reason to thank God for leading us by His spirit, to organize a Y. P. S. C. E. it has been the means in God's hands of drawing us nearer to Him and making us more useful in the service of God. Our sincere prayer is that He will continue to bless the Y. P. S. C. E. Work! for "I am with you," saith the Lord of hosts.—A. D., Secy.

#### SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ONTARIO UNION. Y. P. S. C. E.

We are to be privileged by having the Provincial Union meet in our city this year, and as the date has now been fixed (Oct. 23 and 24th) it is well that our society and congregation know something about it, as preparations for it should now be carried along actively. The meetings will be held in the Central Pres. Church, and will doubtless be of a most interesting nature. Those who attended the Toronto Convention last year, can testify to the warmth of feeling, the

intellectual brightness, and strong spiritual fervor which characterized the meetings there, and then the added interest in its being a gathering of young people from all parts of our Province, who are pledged followers of the Master, meeting with the sole object of counselling each other as to the best way to serve that Master, should awaken a hearty sympathy, not in our own First Church only, but in every Methodist church in Hamilton.

The musical arrangements have been placed in the hands of our own choir master, Mr. W. H. Robinson, which is sufficient guarantee for the excellence of this part of the Convention. Dr. F. E. Clarke the father of the C. E. movement has just wired his intention of being present. To speak of his merits seems needless, as his name is now world-wide, and will co-exist with the society. But let us consider that to have such a Christian worker, with such a brilliant intellect, and consecrated life, and who is thoroughly in touch with all the phrases of C. E. work among us, even for a single day, must benefit and inspire us. Each society is expected to enlist the co-operation of the church to which it belongs in making the Convention a success, and as the visiting delegates must be provided with homes, it is hoped the Christian people of Hamilton will do what they can to help the societies to maintain the name of Hamilton as the most hospitable of cities.

Our own society is confident of the willingness of our congregation to help them in this, the First Meth. Church we are sure will not be behind others, and as some steps will be taken very soon to find out what we can do, we would ask the friends of the society to think the matter over, and be prepared to say in the near future what may be expected of them.

#### Y. P. S. C. E. Committee Reports

##### FLOWER COMMITTEE

The semi-annual election of officers for our Society has taken place. The present staff of this Committee is:—Misses C. Lavery, E. Bastedo, J. Sargenson, Mesdames Nolan and M. Lounsbury, Messrs. John Calvert, Emerson Biggar, Herbie Howard and Cecil Taylor.

We have had many kindly words spoken to us in connection with our work:—1st, in beautifying the house of God; afterward in taking the flowers (which have been called "God's thoughts in bloom") to the sick of our congregation. The flowers have been distributed to the following persons; Mrs. Squires, Mr. Selby, Mrs. Baldwin, Essie Sage, Mr. Hunter, Mrs. Abell, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. White, Mrs. Laws, Miss Ada Morris, Mrs. Gildon, Mr. Nicholl, Mrs. James and the Hos-