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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

From the *Christian Endeavor Bulletin* just to hand we cut the following statistics for the week ending the 11th inst.—

Christian Endeavor Statistics. UNITED STATES:—Young People's, 27,505; Junior, 11,710; Intermediate, 395; Mothers', 68; Senior, 22.

CANADA:—Young People's, 2,925; Junior, 468; Intermediate, 5; Parents' 2; Mothers' 1.

FOREIGN LANDS:—Young People's, 7,306; Junior, 753; Senior, 6; Mothers', 2; Intermediate, 4.

Floating Societies, 92; Total Societies, 51,264; Total Membership, 3,075,840.

The farewell to Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, and to Dr. Percy Leslie, on Tuesday evening was an eloquent God-speed to two devoted missionaries. Let them be followed to their sphere of labor among the Chinese by the prayers of the Church. Consecrated lives as those of our missionaries are ought to be supported by consecrated gifts and by the earnest prayers of the Godly.

An appeal on behalf of birds whose plumes and feathers are used in hats and bonnets has been issued by two young men in Toronto. Ladies are implored to discontinue the slaughter of birds caused in order to supply feathers for decorating the dresses they wear. The young men say: "We like to see women beautifully and even gorgeously dressed, but not with the harvest of the merciless slaughter of birds. The wearers could never commit these atrocities themselves, but unthinkingly they cause others to so act for them. It is the great law of supply and demand. Women are merciful

naturally, and if their thought is but directed to the hidden history of the feathers they wear, they will quickly vindicate their character. In every egret plume they will then see the dead bird in the marsh and hear the piteous cry of the starving fledglings." We trust the appeal will meet with a sympathetic response.

Since the lamented death of Rev. John Mutch, M. A., more than ordinary interest has been taken by Toronto Presbyterians in the welfare of Chalmers Church, of which he had been pastor. Supply was furnished by the Presbytery on a plan that allowed the congregation to continue a measure of support to the bereaved family, and much kindly concern was manifested in the future of the church. It now appears that a happy settlement is in sight, the congregation having decided to extend a call to the Rev. S. K. McClements, of Pitston, Penn., U. S. A. Mr. McClements visited Canada on the occasion of the settlement of the Rev. Mr. McCaughan, and was heard and appreciated by the friends in Chalmers Church—hence the call. If Mr. McClements should see his way to accept, he may count on a cordial welcome to Toronto.

Rev. Wm Burns, Agent for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, has been visiting the Province of Quebec in the interest of the Fund, and has met with a cordial reception wherever he has appeared. Nor is this to be wondered at. Mr. Burns himself is very acceptable to his brethren; and his experience with men and affairs connected with the church is found useful wherever he goes. Then his message is welcome. On behalf of one of the best causes within the scope of church finances, he can appeal with an authority born of a knowledge of all the details and a record of devotedness to its interests which are unrivalled. All that remains to be hoped for is that the responses to his forcible appeals will be worthy of the cause and of the messenger. Let the Presbyteries deal generously and liberally.

The indefatigable convener of the Home Mission Committees the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, will proceed next week to New York and will be present at the induction of an old member of his church, the Rev. J. E. Inglis, at Yonkers, N. Y. Dr. Cochrane, will, towards the end of October, attend the meeting at Philadelphia of the Committee of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches which with the meeting of the Home Mission Committee same month will fill up a busy calendar of extra parochial duties.

The college convocations have been ushered in by that of Morin, the proceedings of which were gracefully presided over by Rev. Principal Macrae, under whose regime the institution will doubtless grow strong and flourish. An unusual departure was made by conferring the degree of D.D., the favored recipient being Rev. James Cowie Smith, St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. Morin has been extremely