

deemer Christian Endeavor Society entrust. To all the brothers and sisters in Christian Endeavor—peace.”

—During the months to come the Christian Endeavor Missionary Extension course is to be pushed as never before by S. L. Mershon, of Chicago, who is put in charge. A supply of capital lecturers will be secured, and almost any considerable community can have their services at a cost not at all burdensome.

—The *Christian Union Herald* roundly declares (and let all Endeavorers and Leaguers take note): “One third of every Young People’s Christian Union should be old people. One third of the mid-week prayer-meeting should be young people. Keep old and young close together.”

—This good suggestion is borrowed from the Nashville *Christian Advocate*: “Much is said as to the relative merits of the Christian Endeavor and Epworth League movements. Their merits must be determined by their results, and it so happens that a splendid opportunity for testing their value as missionary agencies is now set before them. A race worth that of a thousand *Vigilants* and *Britannias* is about to be sailed, and millions will look on with interest. We care nothing for victory for its own sake, but it is worth knowing whether we are all working on the best lines or not.”

—The Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board makes these statements and puts these pertinent queries: “The young people’s societies are asked this year to give \$100,000. In 1890–91 you gave \$5910; in 1891–92, \$13,353; in 1892–93, \$24,568; in 1893–94, \$29,200. Why not \$100,000 for 1894–95? If each Presbyterian Endeavorer adopted the two-cents-a-week plan you would raise over \$300,000 this year for foreign missions. Eleven hundred societies are now supporting missionaries by a co-operative plan, are hearing regularly from their missionaries, and deepening and strengthening their missionary in-

terest by this personal relation. If your society is not a member of one of these groups, ought you not, for the best interests of your members, to enroll?”

—According to the report of the State Superintendent of Junior Work, Indiana has 367 Junior societies, with a total membership of 13,780. They have given \$456 to home missions and \$309 to foreign missions.

—During the past year the Throop Avenue Presbyterian Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., has held 10 missionary meetings. It has given \$4 toward establishing a Christian Endeavor Society at Beebe, Ark.; \$37.50 to foreign missions; \$25 toward Dr. Thwing’s salary in Alaska; \$50 to the boys’ farm school at Asheville, N. C. Its first appropriation for missionary funds this year is \$100 toward Professor Jeffrey’s salary at the Asheville school. Last year, the first of the existence of this missionary committee, there were 103 subscribers to the fund, who gave about \$200. The envelope system is used.

AMERICA.

United States.—Three large fortunes have recently been bequeathed to beneficent uses or distributed among various charitable objects, with the names and amounts, as follows: Mrs. Clara B. Ashmead, Germantown, Pa., \$61,000; John Crerar, Chicago, Ill., \$800,000 (not including several millions for a public library); and Mrs. Mary Stuart, New York City, \$3,851,000.

—The American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless, in New York, is one of the oldest of the child-saving institutions. Forty years ago it organized a day school for street children. This proved so successful that more were established, till now the society has 12. To these schools, which are in the tenement-house districts of the east and west sides of the city, the poorest of the city’s poor, mostly foreigners or the children of foreigners—Hebrews, Hungarians, Poles, Germans, Italians, etc.—go. They numbered 5684