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The third annual Convention will be held in the city of Winnipeg, May 24 and 25, 1894.

THE Executive Committee of the Provincial Union of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have decided on the publication of THE MANITOBA MESSENGER, as a monthly medium of communication between the individual societies, for the maintenance of interest, and encouragement of practical work "for Christ and the Church." The success of the venture will depend on the hearty co-operation of all members, and this is confidently relied on. All are interested in the enterprise, and everyone can help in the work.

Of course, funds will be needed, but a good return will be given for all contributions. An issue of 2,000 will be published every month, and many copies of the first few numbers will be gratuitously distributed, to introduce THE MESSENGER, but will only be sent regularly to subscribers. The subscription price has been placed at 25 cents a year, but for clubs of five or more, sent to one address, 20 cents a year each. Individual subscribers must pay in advance, but societies ordering any number to be forwarded every month can forward their subscription quarterly. Let the same enthusiasm as prevails in all Christian work be extended to the maintenance of this publication, and thus supported the Executive Committee will be encouraged, and the enterprise made a success. As the necessity arises, and prospects warrant, the size of THE MESSENGER will be enlarged and the quantity of reading matter doubled.

Arrangements are being made for special articles on Christian Endeavor work, written with a view to the requirements of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and a series of biographical sketches of local workers are in preparation. Correspondents in all sections are invited to forward news of the individual societies and relate new lines of work adopted.

THE annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union, held in Indianapolis, commencing on July 13, was largely attended. Among the speakers were Revs. D. Grant, of Montreal, and R. R. McKay, of Brampton.

THE gathering of the Epworth League at Cleveland, on the eve of the Montreal Convention, drew together many earnest workers of the Methodist church, including several Canadians. The next meeting will be held in Nashville, Tenn., in 1895.

Second Provincial Convention.

THE second annual convention of the Provincial Union is now among the events of the past, though its influence will continue through the months of the future. It was a glorious gathering, with the true spirit of love pervading the great congregation, and sincere service to God in the hearts of all. There was enthusiasm, but not of a fanatical type, and fervor in the prayer and praise services. The thought of Christ was uppermost in the mind, and self was suppressed.

A considerable period having elapsed since the convention, and as the printed proceedings will soon be ready for distribution, only the very briefest reference will now be made to the gathering. The primary aim of such conventions, the organization and discipline of young people for Christian work, was ever kept in view, and the addresses, papers and discussions were inspiring, helpful, uplifting and ennobling. They were not merely calculated to arouse the emotions, but rather to draw out desires to be more earnest and practical in service.

Features of the convention were the prominence given the subject of missions and the great interest manifested in Junior Endeavor work. A resolution was passed that all the large societies should endeavor to support, through its denominational board, a missionary in some foreign or home field, and that all societies should appoint a missionary committee. During the "Pastors' Half-Hour" many comments were made that will encourage the members. Testimony was given as to the value of the society in general church work, as also in the development of young people in Christian character.

The Christian Endeavor movement has a three-fold mission—the winning of souls to the Saviour, the development of Christian character, and the cultivation of social qualities. These features were well sustained at Brandon. The devotional exercises were earnest, spiritual and enthusiastic; the addresses and papers were manly, full of love and of a character to give a nobler conception of life's work and duty, while the sessions and reception meetings were eminently calculated to draw out the better elements of the social nature.

We readily give expression to the universal recognition of the services of Revs. Wm. Patterson (Toronto), T. Hodgkinson (Winnipeg), W. G. Henderson (Winnipeg), P. Wright (Portage la Prairie), W. H. Fraser (Treherne), Dr. Duval (Winnipeg), H. C. Mason (Brandon) and J. M. Harrison (Winnipeg). Their addresses were interesting and counsel wise. The Brandon members were untiring in their entertainment of the visitors, and the whole-souled hospitality extended tended very much to the pleasure of those present.

Prayer-Meeting Topics.

August 6—"The blessedness of giving."—Acts xx, 35; Luke vi, 33—38.

August 13—"How much have we borne for Christ."—Acts xxi, 30—36; Philippians i, 29.

August 20—"Paul or Felix—Whose example will you follow?"—Acts xxiv, 22—27; I John ii, 15—17.

August 27—"Continual Witnessing."—Acts xxvi, 22; Psalms xxxiv, 1—4.

September 3—"How a Christian can make the best of things."—Acts xxvii, 33—36; Psalms v, 11—12.

September 10—"Lessons from Paul's life."—Acts xxviii, 30—31; I Corinthians ix, 16—27.

THE Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized for the salvation of souls and development of Christian character. See that we keep in line.

THE Question Drawer was a feature of the convention, and the answers of Rev. Mr. Patterson were helpful. All of the points touched in the queries were of general interest.