

## Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor

"For Christ and the Church and Canada"

### A CANADIAN COUNCIL FORMED.

Report adopted at the Interprovincial Convention at Ottawa.

THE joint committee appointed by the Interprovincial Convention at Ottawa to consider the question of Dominion organization, held several meetings and reported at the closing of the convention as follows:

Resolved:

1. That a Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor be formed as a bureau of information for the Dominion, to collect statistics, issue literature, cultivate national Christian sentiment, arrange for the Canadian Rally at the International Conventions, and hold a quadrennial Dominion Convention.

2. That the Council shall consist of three members, who shall be elected by the Convention, together with the presidents of the different provincial unions.

3. That no appeals for funds shall be made to societies or unions, but that the expenses of the Council be met by donations, royalties on literature issued by the Council, honorary membership fees, and the proceeds of the conventions.

4. That honorary membership in the Council shall be open to any member of the Christian Endeavor Society in the Dominion on the payment of a fee of one dollar, the token of membership to be a badge provided by the Council.

5. That the officers of the Council shall be the elected members, who shall be respectively, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer.

6. That on account of its central location, Toronto be made the headquarters of the Council.

7. That the officers of the Council until the next convention be as follows: Chairman, Mr. G. Tower Fergusson, Toronto; Vice-Chairman, Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., Montreal; Secretary-Treasurer, C. J. Atkinson, Toronto.

8. That the ENDEAVOR HERALD be made the medium of official communication for the Council.

9. That the first Dominion convention be held in Montreal in 1899.

10. That the newly-appointed Council shall communicate with all the societies in the Dominion informing them of the formation of the Council, and setting forth its work and aims.

The report, as above, was unanimously adopted by the Convention.

### A FORWARD STEP.

Dear Fellow Endeavorers:

I TAKE advantage of the kindness of the Editor of the HERALD to address a few words to you in connection with a matter which has been in the hearts and minds of prominent Endeavorers for some years, but which only reached actuality at the recent Ottawa convention, viz., Dominion organization.

Perhaps I can do no better in reporting what was done at the Capital this month than by quoting from "Glimpses of Ottawa, 1896," written for the *Golden Rule* by Secretary Baer. No one is able better to judge of the salient features of any convention, nor to express them in a more pithy way. This is what he says in relation to the above matter: "A forward step was taken in organizing, after careful, prayerful consideration, a Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor. This will bind the Provinces, through representatives, in a more united work and purpose."

The Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor now formed was not a hastily conceived thing. Such an organization was proposed in Cleveland in 1894, the plans were further matured at Boston Convention the next year, and a Provisional Committee appointed. Again at Washington this year the action taken at the two former conventions was confirmed.

At Ottawa these ideas and resolutions of former years were crystallized into a short form of constitution which is embodied in the resolutions passed at that convention and printed elsewhere.

This is a "Canadian" Council. If a truly loyal and patriotic spirit is encouraged in our young people, it need not be at the expense of sincere international goodwill. We re-echo the hope and assurance expressed by Dr. Clark. In writing from London, Eng., to the Ottawa Convention he says: "Allow me to send this note of greeting to the first Dominion Convention of Christian Endeavor . . . May I also express the hope and assurance that the cementing of the ties which bind the provinces together in a Dominion Union will in no way weaken the bonds of international fellowship that unite in a common brotherhood all Christian Endeavorers in North America."

Our interdenominational fellowship has not been disturbed because of loyalty to the several denominations to which we belong. This indeed is one of the strong points urged in Christian Endeavor organization. It is not more likely that the advantage gained by interchange of thought with our brethren under other flags will be broken into because of prominence given to questions specially affecting ourselves as Canadians.

I heartily thank those who elected me to the position of chairman of the Canadian Council. To have the confidence of brethren prominent in Young People's work is a thing one cannot but highly appreciate. I accept the honor at the hands of the representatives of the Provinces gathered in Ottawa, and will do my best.

The future usefulness of the Canadian Council, however, will not so much depend upon the officers as upon the hearty spirit in which its aims are taken up and endorsed by Christian Endeavorers throughout the Dominion.

The purpose is one which we believe many, if not all, will approve. The working out will necessarily be a matter of time. "Rome was not built in a day" is a common saying, and we recall Romulus and his rude plough marking out his furrow around that which grew into the imperial city.

If anything is to be accomplished a start must be made.

On behalf of the officers of the Canadian Council, therefore, I ask the co-operation of all loyal Endeavorers in making this organization a power for good in connection with Christian Endeavor work in our beloved Dominion.

Yours faithfully,  
G. TOWER FERGUSSON,  
Chairman C.C.C.E.

### UNITY OF PURPOSE.

Dear Canadian Endeavorers:

A FITTING tribute to his ability and worth was the election of Mr. G. Tower Fergusson—in his absence

—to the position of Chairman of the Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor, by the representatives of the several Provinces at the Ottawa Convention. Your Chairman bows his acknowledgments in this issue; in which your Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer heartily join. With the assistance of the presidents of the several Provincial Unions, a unity of purpose in Christian effort, and the cordial support and co-operation of the Christian Endeavor hosts through-

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