

**Fay Mills** Rev. B. Fay Mills who has had in Montreal such wonderful success as an evangelist in the United States during the past eight years, was in Montreal the month of February, his first campaign in Canada. He came on the joint invitation of a large number of ministers and congregations. He preached twice, often three times, a day. The meetings were for the most part held in one large central church.

As an organizer he is a master. By his system of ushers and assistants, who are really assistant evangelists, he has the whole congregation completely in hand. Each usher has charge of nine pews, and has three assistants. Before the church doors are opened the assistants are in place, one in the centre of every third pew. The assistants are provided with pencils and cards. After sermon the assistant offers a card and pencil to each one who has risen for prayer, or to any others, on which to write their name, address, and the church of their choice. These cards are gathered up by the ushers, sent immediately to a room and sorted, and by the time the meeting is over they are all ready for the pastors who call for them. If not called for, they are mailed the same night and the pastors get them in the morning. The results of the work are thus left completely in the hands of the ministers and churches.

As a preacher Mr. Mills is characterized by earnestness, power, and strong common sense. He is of a John the Baptist type. He preaches repentance. Some, perhaps most, would like more of the cross, but, assuming that his hearers know the theory of the plan of salvation, he urges upon them to accept of it. The burden of his message is "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die." And yet there is nothing sensational. All is calm and strong. While the emotional is not overlooked he appeals rather to the reason.

Ministers and churches are compelled to feel that in him they have not a critic but a helper and friend. While laying an unsparring hand upon the low standard of Christian life that so often prevails, yet some of his apostrophes to the goodness and grandeur and glory of the "Church of God with all her infirmities" were among the finest to which we have ever listened. He believes in the Church as God's agent on earth for doing his work.

The meetings were thronged, the interest deepening to the close, and in many cases special services were carried on afterward by the separate congregations. Hundreds, some of them "hard cases" profess to have found peace and have pledged themselves to a new life. Prayers of many years for dear ones have been answered. Joy has come to many hearts and light to many lives. Ministers who have labored in the city for a quarter of a century have said that they never had so much satisfaction in their work before, owing to the increased interest among their people.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR COLUMN.

SELECTIONS FROM LEADING C. E. PAPERS.

THE C. E. Society is the place to make war on all amusements of an immoral or doubtful character. In his amusements the Christian should avoid all that is distinctively of the world. And a word from a consistent Endeavorer may have more weight with his fellow Endeavorers than a sermon from the pastor.

"The idea of Christian Endeavor is that of a society of young people auxiliary to the church. It is designed to render the young men and women of the church more efficient in the various forms of Christian work, by a course of intellectual and spiritual training, having special reference to their capacities and tastes as young people. It is supposed that there are some positive and special advantages to be derived from their association in the Society of Christian Endeavor. It is believed that, in some respects, young people do for one another what older persons cannot, as well, do for them. But there is a tendency to lose sight of the end of the organization. This end is answered only as the young men and women of the church become more efficient in the various forms of usefulness, in connection with the church, to which they are especially adapted. It is of vital importance, then, that in conducting the C. E. Society this object should be kept steadily in view. It should be borne in mind that the supreme end of the Endeavor Society is to prepare its members for enlarged efficiency and usefulness as members of the church."—*Westminster Endeavorer*.

"There are some C. E. Societies that are rendering their pastors very efficient service. The Endeavorers of these societies receive from their pastors very hearty commendation. They regard the institution with great favor. On all suitable occasions they are the earnest advocates of Christian Endeavor. But there are some other societies of which these things cannot be said. Their pastors are not conscious of receiving much aid from the members, and they are afraid that in some respect the C. E. Society is an obstacle to their work. They are under the impression that the young people are not as faithful in the discharge of their duties to the church as they would be if they were not Endeavorers. They are seldom seen at the evening service or at the mid-week prayer meeting, and so far as is known the attendance at the morning public worship is not larger on account of the work of the Society. And on the whole the feeling of the pastors in view of what the Endeavorers are doing is that of discouragement. To which of these classes does your Society belong?"

Work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work.