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Young People's Work Advancing.—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, tells the *Church Economist* that he never saw or knew of a time when there was so much religious activity as at the present. "And during the next few years," said he with enthusiasm, "I look for an even greater spiritual forward movement." Asked about the relation of the pastor to the young people, he said the relation is one of the first importance. "I have never known a pastor who was in entire sympathy and accord with young people's organizations who did not get far more out of his pastorate in what we call success than one could who was not in such sympathy and accord. So far from young people's organizations having seen

their best days—the movement passing away, as some have declared,—young people are more responsive to the appeals for work than ever before. They are more ready than pastors are to employ them. I believe the trouble with young people's organizations in many churches, the reason they fail to accomplish much, lies with the pastor. The pastor lacks ingenuity to invent plans. You can get more young people to attend a religious gathering than you can to attend a boat race or a golf game. Some people are pessimistic, and declare young men run to bicycles and young women to theatres.

In New York there are five hundred churches having young people's organizations in them. The aggregate attendance of young people at these churches is ten times as great as it is at all of the theatres."

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Young Men to the Front.—Frederick Atkins, in his excellent little book, "Aspiration and Achievement," tells an incident of a gentleman who went to Messrs. Scribner's Publishing House in New York, and wished to see an elderly representative of the firm. "He was introduced to the head of the advertising department, who was twenty-six; to the manager of the educational branch, who was twenty-five; to the business manager of the magazine, who smilingly owned up to twenty-seven; to the general traveller,

aged twenty-eight; to the junior partner, who had just reached twenty-seven; and then in an almost desperate state of mind he asked for Mr. Charles Scribner, who proved to be a veteran of thirty-five. He was almost aghast to find such a great house of business in the hands of such young men, but the practice now prevails on both sides of the Atlantic." Mr. Atkins asks, "Why is this?" and replies, "Simply because the world is guided by large ideals, magnificent aspirations, by keen foresight, and irresistible enthusiasm."

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Times are Improving.—Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., the Methodist philanthro-

pist, to allow himself to be painted in such an attitude."

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California Hospitality.—The teachers must have had a good time at their Annual Educational Convention held at Los Angeles, California, if the newspaper reports tell the truth. Over \$16,000 were raised with which to provide for the entertainment of the guests. The trains were met forty to sixty miles away by flower and fruit committees, who distributed lavishly; fruits and fruit drinks were also provided each day for all who came, at the different State headquarters; an orange orchard was purchased, or the fruit on the trees, to which excursions were made day by day, where all who chose could enjoy the novel experience of picking oranges from the trees, and recep-

tions and entertainments galore were extended to all. Probably similar hospitality will be extended to our Epworth League Convention in 1901, Californians do not believe in doing things by halves.

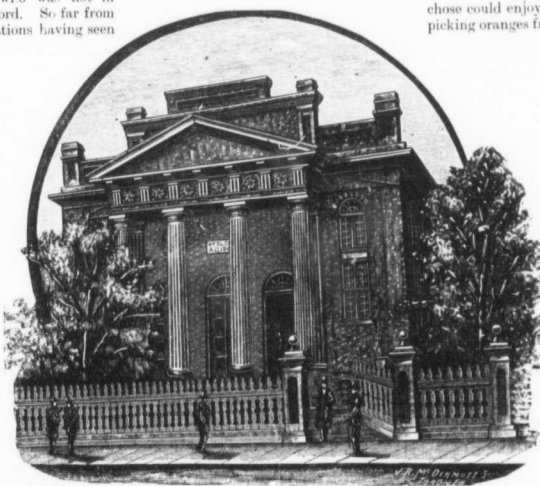
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Walking to College.—It is not often in these days of trains and steamboats that we hear of a young man walking over a hundred miles to get to college. But this was recently done by a young man who walked from his home at Meadville, Pennsylvania, to Allegheny College. He left his home at six in the morning, and walked sixty-two miles the first day,

eating only one meal. The second day, he walked fifty-six miles, eating only a little lunch at three o'clock in the afternoon. He reached the college office and introduced himself to President Crawford at nine o'clock A. M. on the third day, having walked one hundred and twenty-eight miles in thirty-two hours. Such pluck was properly rewarded by the college. The young man got a free room and a friend paid his incidental fees for the term.

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Richmond Street Church.—Many of the older members of our Church regard Richmond Street Church as their spiritual birthplace. For a number of years it was known as "The Cathedral of Methodism," but its membership having moved to other parts of the city, it became necessary to dispose of it.



OLD RICHMOND ST. CHURCH, TORONTO

pist, of England, related the following incident at a recent meeting: "I was in a house the other day belonging to one of the peers of the realm, and in a little room I saw hanging upon the wall a number of portraits of the ancestors of this noble earl. They were all depicted by one of the eminent painters of the day, and they were all portrayed in various stages of intoxication. There were about twelve or fourteen men, some of whose names are known in the history of England towards the end of the last century. Each of these men, I was told, had sought for his portrait to be taken in what he called his 'favorite stage of drunkenness,' and around the wall were their names, printed underneath the portraits. But the public opinion of this country is now such that I imagine there is not a single man so degraded to-day as