

Cooke's church, Toronto; and on arriving at Brantford the Rev. Mr. Beattie, of Guelph, joined the company. At each of the principal stations, the Toronto delegates were re-inforced by others, until the band seemed complete with as representative a delegation as could be found under the sun.

The arrangements for travel were very complete, no change of car taking place until the arrival in Chicago, when the sleeper loomed into sight, and soon the busy talkers, hearty singers and willing workers' voices were hushed by Nature's re-creating work—rest.

During the journey, some bright meetings were held, both in the car and on the platform; whilst the songs and badges of the delegates drew around them at every station a large crowd of listeners and on-lookers. Thus by personal intercourse, exchange of experience, and helpful conversation, we travelled together, until Thursday at 3 o'clock arriving in Minneapolis; in great expectation of greater things to come.

At the opening session, the delegates were received by words of welcome from F. B. Daniels, Chairman of Committee of '91; followed by the several representatives of the St. Paul and Minneapolis churches. The work of the Convention really commenced in the evening of Thursday, when Secretary Baer, a young man of marvelous energy and organizing power, read the 10th Annual Report; from which we cull the following:

"Last year, at the St. Louis Convention, the ears of the delegates were startled to hear that the Christian Endeavor could boast of over eleven thousand societies in the world; an increase over the previous year of 3300 societies." But what was our astonishment, when the report told us, that ending June, 1891, no less than 16,274 regular working societies were in existence!

The Christian Endeavor movement is broad enough to take in two hemispheres, five continents, nearly 100 states and provinces, with about thirty evangelical religious denominations.

The "Endeavor," is charity itself, inasmuch as neither race, clime, creed or sex, is shut out from membership. Truly, the motto of our Congregational church is here fully exemplified, viz.: "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

Some of the enthusiasts are prone to hope that when the churches as a whole wake up to this movement, the problem so difficult of solution will be fairly solved, viz.: "How to reach the masses?" But to facts and figures again; the report says: "You will be interested to know that of the five foreign countries that have reported the greater number of societies is, England 120; Australia 82; India 30; Turkey 12; China 7; Africa 1. By way of digression, one of the American Societies introduced a young Chinaman who has been won

for Jesus through the Endeavor and the young people of that church have taken the responsibility of sending him back as a missionary to his native land, and are paying every cent of his expenses, and are prepared to support him in the field on his arrival.

Again the report: "Canada reports societies as follows: Province of Ontario, 458; Nova Scotia, 156; Quebec, 63; New Brunswick, 36; British Columbia, 25; a total of 829 active societies."

The Endeavorers as a whole are reported on denominational lines as follows: Presbyterian, 4,019 societies; Congregationalist, 3,545; Baptist, 2,381; Methodist, 2,068, and others in proportion. In membership the growth is remarkable. In 1888, 310,000 reported; in 1889, 450,000; in 1890, 660,000; and now, at only the tenth anniversary, our secretary reports, so far as known, for the whole world, a total membership of *one million eight thousand nine hundred and eighty*. Oh! what an army of young soldiers for the Lord Jesus Christ! This membership represents the sixteen thousand and over of local societies mentioned in the first part of this report.

Can man measure results? Nay! nay! But the report further says, "That though we cannot estimate the actual work done, yet we do know that 82,500 members of our societies have become Church members since the last convention at St. Louis in 1890."

One hardly knows what to select for this short article, there is so much to say. But we cannot refrain from re-stating a few things that were said during the sessions, and may suggest that Congregationalists ask themselves, "Have we considered this Endeavor movement for our own special needs, and for the safety of our young people?"

For my present purpose I will re-utter a few pithy sentences as given by pastors at the "Pastor's Hour" on Friday. One after another rose and gave testimony as to their Endeavorers. These are some of them:—

True to Christ—Loyal to the Church—True to their pledge—A power in the prayer-meeting—My heart for strangers—My heart's ease—My right arm—The steam-power—The social life of my church—My inner circle—My missionary power—My soul savers—My button-hole men and women—My head lights—My body guard—My loyal supporters—My hope for the future—My solution to the difficulty "How to reach the masses?"—Our rescue band—Our personal dealers—It is a body that is doing more than any other organization to break down the barriers of denominationalism—It is the child of Providence—It is a child of God—etc., etc. And *en masse* the pastors, some thousand in all, rose and said, "We, as a body of pastors, sustain, nurture, and bid God speed to its every effort!"

At the Friday night session a most remarkable thing happened during a storm. The large building seats 15,000 people; a goodly number had left, but some eight to ten thousand people were