

Brunswick would give a substantial majority in favor of prohibition, while Quebec and British Columbia would go against it.

Though the date has not been fixed by the Government, it is probable that the vote will be taken some time in October. It is very important that temperance workers everywhere should be in readiness for the campaign. It will require earnest and persistent effort on the part of every worker to carry the day. No country has ever had presented to it such an opportunity for the advancement of reform. Every society of Christian Endeavor from ocean to ocean should make itself felt as a power in this great struggle of a people to rid itself of the monster iniquity of the ages. Be in readiness to co-operate with the organizations which may be formed in counties and districts to unite the temperance workers so that the forces of righteousness may go forward unitedly to a glorious victory.

### The Latest Returns.

THE number of Christian Endeavor societies in the world is now over fifty-two thousand, with a membership of over three millions. The following statistical report shows the enrolment of societies up to December 11:

CANADA.	
Young People's .....	2,924
Junior .....	471
Intermediate .....	8
Parents' .....	2
Mothers' .....	1
UNITED STATES.	
Young People's .....	27,747
Junior ... ..	11,864
Intermediate .....	495
Mothers' .....	69
Senior .....	23
OTHER LANDS.	
Young People's .....	7,517
Junior .....	797
Senior .....	6
Intermediate .....	4
Mothers' .....	2
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Floating Societies .....	92
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Total Societies .....	52,022
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Total Membership .....	3,121,320

The British National Union reports the largest number of societies next to the United States. The total number of societies is now over five

thousand and is rapidly increasing. By 1900, there will probably be in Great Britain and Ireland over ten thousand societies.

### A. Long Look Ahead.

THE great convention of Christian Endeavorers which will be held in London in July, 1900, will be one of particular interest to Canadian Endeavorers. Many are already looking forward to a visit to the old land upon that occasion. It will undoubtedly be the greatest convention of young people that the world has ever seen. Two years and a half seems a long look ahead, but already plans are being made by the workers in London for the great gathering. A recent number of *Christian Endeavor* says:

"'Coming events cast their shadows before,' and last week both the National Council and the London Council began to look forward to the arrangements that will be necessary to ensure the success of the world's greatest convention, to be held under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Unions of the world, in London, in July, 1900. It is virtually settled that on the first days of the convention great sectional meetings will be held in the immense historic buildings, in the possession of which London is no doubt richer than any other city in the world. The names of Exeter Hall, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, the City Temple, and others, are known the world over, and, in July, 1900, will become the Meccas to which will journey tens of thousands of Endeavor pilgrims from all the continents of the earth and islands, and the sea.

"The location of the last great day of the feast will be the Crystal Palace—'John Bull's big playground,' where half a sovereign a minute is spent in pleasure. The popularity of the Palace may be gauged from the fact that since the Queen opened it in 1854 it has been visited by over a hundred millions of people, more than the population of the whole of America and Great Britain combined. On one day, in July, 1900, this 'city under glass' and its garden and the park, which are two hundred acres in extent, will become the rendezvous where will meet Christian Endeavorers, devout men and women, from probably 'every nation under heaven.' And we believe it is not too much to look forward to that day as one likely to be a veritable 'Day of Pentecost.'"

As the deep blue of Heaven brightens into stars,  
So God's great love shines forth in promises,  
Which, falling softly on our prison bars,  
Dim not our eyes, but with their soft light bless;  
Ladders of light God sets against the skies,  
Upon whose golden rungs we step by step arise,  
Until we tread the halls of Paradise.

—A. E. Hamilton.