

tion you have chosen. The natural law that success is attained only by effort applies also to the spiritual world. To make Endeavor work a success we must have a high ideal and strive to reach it.

Rev. J. McP. Scott, of Toronto, conducted the consecration services. He said that a better Christian life is possible. To adjust our lives to God we must have, (1) humiliation and confession, (2) surrender and separation, (3) faith in the filling of the Holy Ghost. To maintain this adjustment we must, (1) know what it is to wait on the Lord in prayer and study His word, (2) know the faithfulness of God, (3) take heed that our motives are right.

This made one of the best county conventions ever held in Ontario.

Toronto Junior Christian Endeavor Rally.

Massey Hall was crowded on the evening of Friday, May 20, main floor, platform, and galleries, with children; the grown people who were present were relegated to the top gallery. It was the fifth annual rally of the Junior Christian Endeavor Union of Toronto. The union numbers 3,200 members, and it looked as if most of them were out with their friends. The union is divided among the various denominations by societies, as follows: Methodist, 30; Presbyterian, 13; Congregational, 5; Baptist, 4; Disciples, 1; union societies, 4; total 57.

The report of the secretary, Miss A. G. Leary, included in the printed programmes, stated that 11 new societies had been formed, and 11 had disbanded. By the 29 societies that had reported \$370.71 had been contributed to foreign missions, and \$142.30 to Toronto missions, in all \$513.01 from about one-half of the societies.

The rally was presided over by Master Josie Gray, of St. Alban's E. L. of C. E., a lad of 13, and an excellent chairman he made. Following the opening devotional exercises, led by Rev. Mr. Carruthers, splendidly-rendered choruses and solos were given. A choir of 300 boy members of the Junior societies occupied the platform. The soloists were Miss Flo Fieldhouse and Miss Mabel McCormack. Rev. J. W. Graham, of the Fred Victor Mission, delivered an address, having "effort" for its theme, which interested the children greatly.

The presentation of banners and honor roll followed. A beautiful red silk banner worked with Chinese

characters by a Christian native lady in Shanghai was presented to the Girls' Society of Woodgreen Methodist church, they having taken first place in giving to missions in proportion to their membership. Their contributions amounted to \$171. The Dunn Avenue Presbyterian society received a blue silk banner for having the largest percentage of its members present at the rally. All of their 88 members were there. The honor roll, given for the largest average attendance during the past six months, went to the Kew Beach society. The presentations were made by President R. E. Gunther.

Music intervening, twenty-nine Juniors, directed by Mr. S. J. Duncan-Clark, presented an attractive work of a Junior Christian Endeavor society under the guise of a ship's crew. The soloists were Misses Mabel McCormack and Flo Fieldhouse, and Master James West. The exercise was altogether interesting, and concluded with a salute by the drum and bugle band of the 11th Co., Boys' Brigade.

The choirmaster for the occasion was Mr. T. H. Lockhart and the organist Master Charles E. Eggett.

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Western District.

PARKDALE (Methodist).—Probably the most active committee connected with this large and vigorous society is the Sick-Visiting and Relief Committee, of which Miss Gertrude E. Thomas is convener. From an extended report of the excellent work done by this committee during the past six months we glean the following: The committee is composed of five members. Their first duty is to supply the pulpit with flowers each Sunday which are afterwards given to the sick; their next duty is to visit the sick and needy. The record shows 1148 visits, 368 bouquets distributed with texts attached, 500 text slips and cards left at homes, 1400 papers and magazines given away, 735 delicacies taken to the sick, 130 second-hand garments and 18 new garments given to the needy; 36 hours were spent in reading aloud to old people and invalids, 18 persons supplied with work, 14 homes "cleaned up." Then the Home for Incurables was visited regularly three times a week, and the inmates of this institution were treated to an "at home" in the church parlors. At Christmas time 200 baskets of food and clothing were sent to needy persons, besides several tons of coal. Three notable items from

the report are these: a Bible in large type given to an aged couple (over 70 years of age); a new bed-springs, mattress, pillows, and coverlets, given to a sick widow; a woman suffering from cancer visited daily and the wound dressed. Such acts as these must surely win the Master's approval.

Central District.

ZION (Congregational) Junior Endeavor held a very interesting missionary meeting Sunday, May 15th, at which Miss Cassidy, a returned missionary from Yauytse, China, gave an address on mission work amongst the Chinese. She sang several verses of hymns in the Chinese language. In the evening the Juniors took the Young People's meeting, four of them giving short addresses on the topic "Christ our Model."

News.

SUDBURY.—A Y. P. S. C. E. has recently been organized here among the joint congregations of the Methodist and Presby'n churches. The following are among the officers elected for the present term: Pres., J. C. Mitchell; cor.-sec., Miss Patterson. We have Lookout, Prayer-meeting, Social, Music, and Flower Committees. Our society meets every Monday evening alternately in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

COOKSTOWN.—A very successful C. E. rally was held in Burns' church, West Essa, on May 4th; the church was packed. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. E. Smith, the pastor of the congregation; Revs. Leishman of Angus, J. R. S. Burnett of Alliston, and P. Nicol of Tottenham. There is now a flourishing society in this congregation though organized only a short time ago.

OSHAWA.—At the regular quarterly meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. in connection with the Presbyterian church, the following officers were among those elected for next six months: Pres., Miss A. Lawlor; cor.-sec., Miss J. Pantou. Our society is progressing nicely showing a net gain in membership of 7 last quarter. Initial steps have been taken to form a local union of our six societies in town. A committee has been appointed to draw up a constitution for submission to and approval of these societies. The Ontario County Union will hold their annual convention in Oshawa sometime next September.—W. W. MCLAREN.