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ALL Christian Endeavorers and friends who attended the Brandon Convention are grateful that the suggestion was made that Rev. William Patterson be invited to visit the Province, and are thankful that the reverend gentleman made it convenient to accept. His presence was helpful, and his enthusiasm of such a character that left its impress upon the minds and hearts of many. He was intensely earnest, practical and spiritual. The success of the convention was largely due to his able addresses and genuine fellowship. An electro picture of Rev. Mr. Patterson is published herewith, and a brief biographical sketch follows. Being a native of Ireland, born in Maghera, Derry County, in 1858, he has all the wit characteristic of his countrymen, and this element of his character, combined with true Christian graces, makes him exceedingly popular with all people. After settling in Canada, he entered Knox College, where he devoted six years to the study of arts and theology, graduating in 1886, when he was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church. During his college course Rev. Mr. Patterson engaged zealously in mission work, two years of which were spent in Southwestern Manitoba. Immediately after his ordination he received a unanimous call to the pastorate of Cooke's Church, Toronto, beginning his work there with a church membership of about 100. In the seven years the increase in attendance and spiritual results have been almost unprecedented. There have been added to the membership roll 1,427 names, and, though having a church edifice with a seating capacity for over 1,000, it became necessary to erect a new and larger church, which was completed in 1892. His preaching is intensely earnest and spiritual, and scarcely a sermon is preached without known results. He preaches to win souls, and God gives him the desire of his heart. Rev. Mr. Patterson is distinguished by great originality, both in the composition and delivery of his sermons. These are interspersed with illustrations from everyday life, studded with Bible gems, delivered extempore and uttered with all the warmth and energy of a man who feels the power of the truth. His figures are always beautiful, chaste and becoming. Whole-souled earnestness is another characteristic of the man. He is a man of eminent piety and deep humility, and he lives in touch with God, drawing deeply out of the hidden reservoirs of His grace. And then, he preaches Christ crucified, and believes that His gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Our readers will join in praying that God may still more abundantly use him for His glory. Besides his pastoral work, Rev. Mr. Patterson is an earnest worker in the Christian Endeavor cause, and has attended three of the international conventions, being one of the trustees of the United Society.



DURING the Montreal International Convention a series of committee conferences were held, at which many valuable suggestions were given. Mrs. G. M. Coleman, of Somerville, Mass., presided over that in the interest of the Lookout Committee, and in her opening remarks she emphasized the work of this Committee as of prime importance in every society. To it was committed the spiritual interests of the members. They must watch for the souls of each individual member as they that must give an account to Christ from whose hand they had received the commission direct. Bible standards were high, but they must bring their standards of life and conduct up to them. And in Christ they had all power.

One great difficulty spoken of by more than one was the danger of over zeal for growth in members. Better, urged one pastor earnestly, a society of four consecrated members than one of one hundred and fifty with only four active. Do not make membership too easy was emphasized more than once.

In the numerous secret societies to be found no one was allowed to join who did not express a willingness to join and give a strong promise to abide by the laws of the society. In no society were the laws more binding than in this, and in none was required more grace mingled with the law. The question whether a delinquent member could be dropped to the associate list received from all sides a vigorous "No." One lady reported that in the society to which she belonged every member before admission was required to learn the pledge by heart, and on joining to repeat it from memory at his first consecration meeting. A lady from Chicago urged, "Do not drop a member at all. Plead, urge, pray for and with them until they renew their vows." Their society had never dropped a member yet.

The last point considered was the encouragement of the work of this committee. - One pastor rejoiced in the close contact with his young people, another had in them all his capacities doubled and quadrupled, and several found in it the "Sunday evening question" completely solved.

The reward of faithful work on this committee, as testified by the workers assembled, seems to be a larger knowledge of the objects of the society and increased capacity for more work.

SOCIABILITY in church life was commended at the convention. "We want more of it," was the comment of one of the speakers.

MINIMIZE the business to be brought before the general meetings of the society. Let the executive officers manage, as far as possible, the material affairs of the society.

"Do not let our consecration meetings run into a rut," was the apt advice of Rev. Mr. Patterson.