

In the poorest soil it will bear some fruit, but you cannot expect the best fruit except in the best soil.—*Rev. F. E. Clark, D.D.*

Worth Noting.

RUSSIA is the only country in the world without its Christian Endeavor society.

THE Tenth Legion has now an enrolment of 10,300, and the Comrades of the Quiet Hour of nearly 10,000.

THE Junior badge banner for the greatest proportionate increase in Junior societies is to be awarded to India.

ENGLAND has 4,647 societies; Canada, 3,456; Australia, 2,284; Scotland, 535; India, 433; Wales, 331; Ireland, 213; China, 139; Africa, 110.

THE total enrolment of world-wide Christian Endeavor societies is 54,191 societies, with an individual membership of more than three and one-quarter millions.

THE Junior societies continue to increase rapidly. There are now nearly 14,000 societies in the world. One thousand of these are to be found in foreign lands.

NOTWITHSTANDING the splendid record made by India, China, Germany, and Sweden, South Africa is entitled to the banner for the greatest proportionate increase in number of societies.

THE banner for the largest absolute gain in number of societies has been in England's possession for four years. England has this year increased her roll by more than 700 societies.

DURING the past year 27,686 Juniors have become members of the church. From the intermediate societies 1,518 have joined their home churches, and 196,550 from the young people's societies, making a total reinforcement of church membership during the year amounting to 225,754.

NINE thousand societies in making their annual reports mention the money that they have sent directly to their own denominational missionary boards, and the amount is \$198,000. These same nine thousand societies have given for other benevolences \$225,000, making a total for these societies of \$423,000.

THE Clarendon Street Baptist Christian Endeavor society, of Boston, has for three years reported the largest amount given by any one society for missions, and this year it again heads the list with \$1,519.77. The society in the Madison Avenue Reformed church, New York City, is second, with \$1,097.69.

CHRISTIAN Endeavor thrives in out-of-the-way and unexpected places. There are societies in

prisons, schools of reform, workhouses, almshouses, asylums, institutions for the blind and for the deaf, schools, and colleges; among car-drivers, policemen, travelling-men, life-savers on the coast, lighthouse employees, in large factories, etc., to the number of nearly two hundred.

With the Union Jack.

THE two popular Canadian trustees of the United Society, Canon Richardson and Rev. Wm. Patterson, took an important part in the convention programme.

BOTH the chairman and secretary of the Canadian Council were present at Nashville. They report bright prospects for a great national convention in Montreal in '99.

THE Canadian Council announces the publication of a Canadian Handbook for 1899. It will be issued about the first of December, and will be brimful of interesting information and Christian Endeavor helps.

THE members of the Canadian party who enjoyed the generous Southern hospitality of Judge and Mrs. Wilkin, will long remember the kindness received at their hands. Much of the benefit derived from the convention was due to the rest and comfort afforded in their beautiful home.

THE reception given by Grace Church to Canada and Texas was a very happy affair. Refreshments were served, and a number of Southern airs were rendered in excellent style by the fine choir of the church. The pastor of the church, Rev. W. T. Rodgers, conveyed the greetings of the congregation, and Canada responded in the happiest manner through Rev. Wm. Patterson, Canon Richardson, and Mr. C. J. Atkinson.

ALMOST the whole Canadian delegation was present at the National Rally in Grace Church. The proceedings were carried through with such ease and precision that a prominent convention committee worker said, "I never saw such people for business as you Canadians. You make everything move with the regularity of clock-work." We were too modest to take all that praise for our countrymen, and passed it over to our excellent chairman, Mr. G. Tower Fergusson.

THREE resolutions were heartily carried at the rally. The first expressed appreciation of the international fellowship provided in the convention, and the cordial relations subsisting between the young people of the great Anglo-Saxon nations. Then came a resolution expressing thanks to the friends in South Nashville for their cordial southern welcome. The third resolution dealt with "Montreal '99," and expressed hearty co-operation with the Canadian Council in making the convention a national success.