

This committee must be under the control of the Sunday-school superintendent or there will be harm done.

Call on new families to invite the children to Sunday-school.

4. Social Committee.

Hold a "handshake meeting" at the close of every meeting, or before it closes.

Have the handshake before the meeting opens. Don't wait for an introduction to strangers in the church.

Let those who stand at the door to receive strangers wear a "reception committee" badge. Shake hands in the proper way—with your heart.

Shake hands again with the stranger when you meet him on the street afterwards.

Give a smile and a kind word with your shake. Entertain strangers—have an occasional social gathering after your prayer meeting.

6. Good Literature Committee.

Put the *Ram's Horn* into barber shops. Use the "Silent Evangel" for private distribution.

Visit the boats in port and distribute tracts. Supply books for the sick-rooms. Send good literature to the lumber shanties. Put Christian literature in the reading-rooms. Have an "exchange table" in the vestibule. Supply cab-stands in the cities with good magazines and papers.

The closing address of the afternoon was by Rev. Geo. J. Bishop, of Toronto, on "The Deepening of the Spiritual Life." In a deeply spiritual and practical way the speaker dealt with this important theme. Not physical life, not intellectual life, not moral life, but spiritual life comes before us for our consideration, and this is the life that Christian Endeavorers should seek earnestly to maintain. The mighty forces of the world are spiritual, and this is the power we need in our work. We need it in resisting the tide of evil—"A dead fish cannot swim up stream." This life must be cultivated. We must put forth efforts to this end. We must avoid everything that would hinder its growth and keep our soul in touch with God by prayer and Bible study.

THE DENOMINATIONAL RALLIES.

ON Wednesday evening the delegates met under their denominational standards in various churches. Christian Endeavor, while seeking interdenominational fellowship for young Christians, stands firmly for denominational loyalty. The practical working of this principle was well demonstrated at these rallies. There were seven meetings, and all were largely attended. No one who attended these meetings could doubt the love and allegiance of Christian Endeavorers for their own church.

Rev. A. C. Crews, the General Secretary of Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools, presided at the Methodist rally in Dominion church. There was a splendid spirit in the meeting and the addresses were of a high order. "The best we ever held," was the verdict of those who had charge of the rally. The chairman rejoiced in the elimination of bigotry from the churches, and advocated loyalty to the church based on intelligence. He strongly urged the education of the young in the teachings of the church. Rev. G. S. Clendinning spoke on the place of Christian Endeavor in the Methodist Church. He believed that the church had a place for Christian Endeavor, because it was in harmony with the original aims of the founders of the church, and because it was the best means of developing the young people and utilizing them for the advance of the church's work. "The Power of Christian Endeavor" was the theme discussed by Rev. G. M. Campbell, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. The power of the movement, he said, came from the fact that it recognized the divinity and authority of Jesus Christ in a time when so many were recognizing Him only as a good man. The other element in its power was loyalty to the doctrines of the New Testament and the desire of the members to be a witnessing community for Christ.

Rev. S. G. Bland spoke on the prospects of Christian Endeavor. He looked forward to the time when denominational lines would be blotted out and a great united church would be formed which would provide room for differences of opinion. Christian Endeavor is a movement that is bringing this great church nearer. It had done more in a day toward this end than conferences and synods could do for years. Many took part in the discussion that followed, and a resolution was unanimously passed asking the Church Board to substitute the Christian Endeavor topics for those already in use.

The rallying place for the Presbyterians was Knox church, and that edifice was completely filled with an earnest and enthusiastic audience. The inspiring singing of the choir was greatly enjoyed, as was also the solo of Mrs. Cruikshank. After the devotional exercises, led by Rev. Dr. Dickson, Rev. Wm. Shearer, of Sherbrooke, spoke on what Christian Endeavor had done for Presbyterian young people. It had deepened their spiritual life, and given them zeal in service for Christ and the church. Rev. Mr. Cruikshank conducted an "open parliament" which was participated in by a large number. Rev. J. S. Conning then spoke on what Christian Endeavor has done and may do for the schemes of the church. He said that the young people had showed their loyalty by contributing over \$10,000 for the support of the enterprises of the church, and urged the adoption of the Plan of Study recommended by the General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies for the study of the church's doctrines, polity, history, and work, as well as increased liberality during the current year. The closing address was by Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, who spoke of the Gospel as the panacea for all the modern social ills, such as the labor problem. Resolutions were passed cordially approving of the Plan of Study arranged by the Assembly's Committee, and recommending to the young people special effort on behalf of missions.

There was a large attendance at the Congregational rally, and the proceedings were characterized by great heartiness. Rev. William McIntosh, of Ottawa, occupied the chair, and made a stirring address in which he extolled the broad catholicity of the Christian Endeavor movement and saw in it the possibility of bringing the various branches of the church of Christ into closer fellowship. Rev. E. M. Hill, of Montreal, who has the honor of having formed the first society in Canada, then followed with an inspiring address. Christ, he said, was the common ground on which they and all denominations could meet. Rev. W. T. Gunn delivered an inspiring address and was followed briefly by Rev. A. F. McGregor. The next speaker was Rev. H. J. Horsey, who spoke of the part which had been taken by Congregationalists in the past in securing privileges which are common to all Christians to-day, and said that they had still a mission to the present age. Committees were formed to advance the movement in the different provinces, to increase interest in the *Congregationalist*, and a motion was passed expressing satisfaction at the splendid interdenominational fellowship manifest in the convention.

Another enthusiastic gathering was that of the Baptists in the First Baptist church. Rev. J. F. Barker, vice-president of the Ontario Union, presided, and spoke warmly of his love for the Christian Endeavor movement. He was fully persuaded that the Baptists could best help their young people and receive help from them through the Christian Endeavor Society. He fully agreed with the statement that "a man who knows nothing of any church but his own, knows nothing of that." The meeting was then thrown open to the delegates, and a number of addresses were given in which the unanimous testimony was given that Christian Endeavor had been a blessing to the young people and the church in which it had been organized. A provincial committee was appointed to advance the interests of the movement within the denomination.

The Disciples of Christ and the Christians met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, but notes of the proceedings have not yet reached us.

The Church of England rally was held in the school-room of St. George's church. Rev. Wm. Johnston, vice-president of the Ontario Union, presided. His address was an impressive one. He sketched the Society's aims and methods of work, and said that it was organized not for amusement or worldly profit, but to band its members together in loving work for Christ. A Bible Reading by Mr. Snowdon, and a number of brief addresses on missions and other subjects made this one of the most interesting and helpful rallies of the series.

THE CLOSING HOURS.

THE closing meeting in the Dominion Methodist church on Thursday evening was a fitting climax to what was declared by all to be the most spiritual convention ever held in Canada. Before the hour for opening the large church was crowded, and an overflow meeting was held in the spacious school-room, where the three speakers repeated their addresses.

Rev. A. F. McGregor presided, and after devotional exercises led by Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. J. S. Conning read the report of the joint committee on the Dominion Union, which report was adopted.

Mr. J. H. Carson, of Montreal, then reported for the Committee on Resolutions, who among other matters thanked all the Ottawa friends for their kindness, especially the "noble thirteen" of the Central Committee; gave a ringing declaration on the temperance question, with special reference to the Dominion plebiscite; commended the closing of the bar in the House of Commons; heartily endorsed the Scotch Endeavorers' suggestion regarding a season of united prayer for Armenia; and expressed the loyal delight of the members on the Queen's completion of sixty years' reign. All the resolutions provoked great applause, but at this last one the enthusiasm broke out most strongly, and the congregation rose and lustily sang "God save our Queen."

Greetings were read from the Committee of '97 in San Francisco, the Ontario W. C. T. U., and the Y. P. S. C. E. of Central Presbyterian church, Washington, D. C.

The chairman then introduced the first speaker, Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, who was not on the programme. The genial Principal delivered an able address, sparkling throughout with unaffected humor but with a strong undercurrent relating to the seriousness of endeavoring to lead a Christian life. He expressed himself as being heartily in sympathy with this movement, which had done so much to deepen and quicken the religious life of the young people, and urged the thought that we do not need to belong to a particular society to have the responsibility of being Christian endeavorers. He liked the title of the society because of its modesty—simply claiming to endeavor to lead a Christian life—and because of its comprehensiveness in talking in all denominations. It was impossible for these young people from different churches to meet together without realizing that the points of difference are as the small dust of the balance. The movement in this age is not toward splitting the church into little sections but toward unification, and in this our beloved country has set the example, as evidenced by the union of eight Presbyterian bodies into four and then the four into one, and the union of the four Methodist bodies into one. Now these two churches have declared in favor, not of organic union, but of a federal union for the purpose of co-operation. Referring humorously to the "resolutionary" character of the first part of the meeting, Dr. Grant said that "one inch of action is worth a mile of resolutions," and in a few solemn closing words reminded those who were not members of this society that they too were under obligation to surrender themselves to Christ and serve Him, and urged them to take that stand at once if they had not done so already.

Rev. S. P. Rose, D. D., of Montreal, followed with an earnest and masterly address on "The Baptism of the Spirit." As Jesus Christ was the manifestation of the invisible Father, so His