

III.—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

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Regarding his visit to the Turkish societies, Dr. Clark says, in one of his letters: "Though I have spoken many times, I have not been able to do much directly for Christian Endeavor in this land of the Sultan, because the Government has interfered and forbidden all Christian Endeavor societies. In some places societies were already formed. In many others they were on the point of being formed, and young men and women were just about to take our pledge when the Armenian trouble arose. The powers that be were frightened, became suspicious of all societies, forbade our Christian Endeavor publications, which were translated, put in type, and all ready for publication, and, so far as possible, generally overthrew the work that Mr. Krikorian and others had so well begun. To be sure, there are some societies left—twenty or thirty in all Turkey, perhaps—but there would be scores more were it not for this outrageous interference of frightened and foolish government officials. When speaking and preaching, I have not been allowed to use the words 'Endeavor' or 'society,' as I did not care to land in a Turkish jail, and did not wish to get any of my friends into trouble."

Some time ago the Endeavorers of the Lima, O., Presbytery agreed to raise six hundred dollars, to pay the salary of a Presbyterian missionary in Chile. They have accomplished their noble task, having raised that amount and twenty-five dollars more.

The first Floating society of Christian Endeavor, which was organized in Brooklyn, now numbers seventy-two members, which are distributed among nine ships. It is now proposed to make each of these nine sets the nucleus of a new floating society, and thus the good seed will multiply by a process of self-division, until, God willing, it may cover the navies of the world.

Here is a bit of home missionary work. It happened in the State of

Washington. Sixty Endeavorers, returning from a local union meeting, were compelled to wait some time for their train. They were fresh from a beautiful consecration meeting, and the Spirit put it into their hearts to go to a saloon near by to hold a meeting. This saloon was, as they had heard, the one great opponent of the church from which they had just come. They went, held their meeting of song and prayer, and one after another pledged himself openly to continued prayer for the closing of that saloon. Four months afterward the saloon was closed, and it had no successor.

Here is another bit of home missionary work from the same State: Attempts had been made to sustain regular worship in a certain country school-house. The attempts failed. At last, amid many prophecies of failure, an Endeavor society was started. That was nearly a year ago, and not one meeting has been omitted. More than that, they have sought out a pastor, and a prosperous frontier church testifies to the sincerity of those young people's Christian endeavors.

Now it is missionary phonographs, and a Christian Endeavorer sends the first one to a Protestant missionary. A Methodist Protestant paper lately appealed to the Sunday-schools to send an Edison phonograph to a missionary in Japan, whose health was failing, and whom it would greatly help. This appeal brought to the mission board the next week a check for \$150 from the president of a Christian Endeavor society.

We notice a new form of home work undertaken by the Wesleyan Endeavorers of Grosvenor Street Chapel, Manchester, England, who are in the habit of sending delegations to sing in the children's wards of one of the hospitals. A beautiful thing to do.

The Junior Endeavorers of the Zion Congregational Church of Toronto,