

Two of the best addresses ever delivered at a western convention were those given by Rev. Hugh Pedley on "The New Protestantism" and "The Mission of the Church." Mr. Pedley is a splendid speaker, a close reasoner, has a charming voice, and, in addition, is possessed of an earnestness that freights his words with deep meaning.

Officers for next year are as follows: President, A. H. Smith, B.A., Moosomin; 1st vice-president, R. A. Magee, Wolseley; 2nd vice-president, Miss A. Tillen, Moose Jaw; secretary-treasurer, J. Buchanan, Moosomin; Junior supt., Miss Aggie Cameron, Moosomin; directors, J. Dobbin, Regina, Mr. McKee, Moose Jaw, Miss C. Bray, Grenfell, J. Dalgleish, Moosomin, A. M. Fraser, Indian Head, H. E. Dill, Moosomin.

From the secretary's report are gleaned the following facts: There are now 77 societies on the roll, with a membership of 1133 active and 616 associate. The denominational standing of these societies is as follows: Union, 31; Methodist, 22; Presbyterian, 19; Baptist, 5. There are 7 Junior societies. Of the societies reporting, 13 have given to missions, \$257.40; 97 persons have joined the church.

The Junior rally was—as is generally the case at a C. E. convention—a most interesting time. A splendid miscellaneous programme was rendered by about sixty bright Juniors, who marched into the church singing "Our Junior band is marching on."

The annual address by President Fraser was an able *resumé* of C. E. principles and work, and elicited warm applause. The '99 convention will be held at Moose Jaw.

## Manitoba Christian Endeavor Convention.

Annual Gathering at Portage La Prairie, May 21-24.

Saturday, May 21.—The town was taken possession of to-day by the Christian Endeavor delegates and their friends to the number of about 200, for the annual provincial convention. They were met at the stations by the reception committees and escorted to the Methodist church, where an address of welcome was tendered on behalf of the town by Mayor Garland, and on behalf of the local C. E. by W. W. Millar, which were responded to by Mr. Clements, of Brandon, and Mr. Stewart, of Winnipeg.

Sunday, May 22.—There was a large turn out at the early prayer service of the Christian Endeavor

convention in the Baptist church. It was led by Miss Lina B. DuVal, of Winnipeg.

The congregations of the various churches were augmented by the addition of many delegates. In the Methodist church the morning service was taken by Mr. C. N. Hunt, of Minneapolis, the pastor, Rev. C. W. Dean, being too ill to preach. Mr. Hunt took his text, Hebrews, 2nd chapter, 3rd verse: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation," and preached a masterful sermon. Mr. Hunt is an earnest and fluent speaker.

The Sabbath schools were attended by a large number. At the mass meeting for ladies in the Methodist church at 4 o'clock there was an unusually large number and great interest taken in the addresses by Mrs. (Dr.) Lane, Mrs. Russell and Miss Russell.

At the Baptist church a meeting for men, in the interest of the Y. M. C. A., was held and addressed by R. C. Horn, of Winnipeg.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied in the evening by Mr. W. H. Thomson, assistant secretary of the Manitoba C. E. Union. The meeting took the shape of platform addresses by S. E. Clement, of Brandon, and J. Frazer Cocks, of St. Andrews North.

The meetings culminated in an immense mass meeting in the Presbyterian church, which was packed to the doors, and standing room at a premium, many having to be turned away for lack of space. Mr. C. N. Hunt, of Minneapolis, led the meeting. His subject was "Unconditional Surrender." He gave a powerful address on the text, "I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God."

Monday, May 23.—The morning prayer meeting of the convention to-day was led by W. A. Farly, and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. McRae. The cash on hand is \$203.83.

The president's address at the provincial Christian Endeavor convention to-day was lengthy and exhaustive and dealt with the growth of the society for the last seven years, or since organization. While there were many drawbacks, yet there was a continual progress each year. Owing to quite a few of the societies not reporting in the proper time they had to approximate to a great extent. The outlook for the future was very hopeful.

The secretary's report gave the statistics for the year. He reported the Union to be composed of the following denominations. Metho-

dists, 45; Presbyterians, 43; Episcopalians, 1; Disciples, 1; Congregational, 1; Union Societies, 27; total, 118; Junior C. E.'s, 41, grand total 159. There are 2876 active members, 1511 associate, and 243 honorary.

The treasurer presented a balance sheet, showing a balance on hand to start the year of \$203.83.

The time devoted to reports from delegates was fully taken up by one-minute reports, all showing a very cheering and hopeful feeling existing in the province.

The afternoon meeting was opened with P. McPherson, of Portage la Prairie, as a chairman. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. A. Lewis. "The Endeavorer in the Home" was ably presented by Miss Morrison, of Boissevain. "The Endeavorer in the Church" was dealt with by J. Frazer Cocks in a ten minutes' address. "The Endeavorer in the World" by Miss Barbara Thynne, of Souris, was a very neat address and presented a great number of new thoughts which tended to show that this talented young lady has a keen insight into human nature.

A discussion on the above addresses was participated in by a large number of delegates.

"The Pastors' Conference," led by Rev. F. B. Du Val, was the treat of the afternoon session. The instructive remarks made by the various pastors were listened to with marked attention and judging from the notes taken will be of great use for future reference.

The hour before adjournment was taken up by Mr. Chas. N. Hunt, who in a masterly address dealt with the "Quiet Hour."

A feature of the evening session was the singing, led by a choir of forty voices, drilled by Mr. C. B. Burley. Rev. Jos. Hogg captivated the audience by his address, "What does Christian Endeavor Stand for?"

Mr. Chas. N. Hunt then gave his address on "Good Citizenship" and in eloquent language portrayed the different types of men as citizens, showing the grave, the pleasing, and the ludicrous sides of human nature.

Tuesday, May 24.—The early morning prayer meeting at the Christian Endeavor convention to-day was led by Mrs. (Rev.) J. J. Roy, and was largely attended. The devotional services were led by Rev. D. G. Macdonald.

The committee on nominations reported the officers elected for the ensuing year as following:

President, W. H. Thomson, Winnipeg; first vice, S. E. Clements, Brandon; second vice, Rev. W.