

### C. E. Convention.

The Twelfth International C. E. Convention adjourned at a late hour last evening. From first to last it was intensely interesting and even dramatic. No convention hitherto held has exceeded it in any particular, except the one held last year in New York, which was much larger on account of its location. The present safe estimates made by Dr. Clark, is 17,000 delegates, and some claim as high as 19,000. The increase in membership during the past year was by far the largest yet achieved in any one year, and the present enrollment is 1,577,000 members, with 26,284 societies. The number of associate members that united with the church during the year was 158,000, against 120,000 last year. It would be impossible in the space of a brief letter to give anything like a history of this remarkable assembly. The Drill Hall, seating 9,000, was packed and jammed with people, and the tent accommodating 6,000 more was equally crowded. Satiety, even to weariness, comes over one in trying to appropriate from personal contact the overwhelming influence of such a crowd. One realizes how the Saviour must have felt at "seeing the multitudes." There is something in occasions like this that appeal to the profoundest instincts of the human soul, and for this reason doubtless they are great instruments of education and the development of human character. If those who attend only feel this overwhelming influence without hearing a single address or a single song, their trip would not be in vain. To-day the mayor and city fathers gave a luncheon to the officers of the different delegations and of the United Society. More than forty coaches took them to the top of Montreal's beautiful mountain, by circuitous paths, and therewith one of the most majestic prospects spread out before them of river, landscape, mountain, urban and suburban grandeur; the guests sang and ate and "speechified," in both English and French, until the time came to adjourn. It was pronounced by all to be a royal occasion, extended by Catholics to Protestants, and the first official recognition of the Christian Endeavor movement extended it by any municipal body. Last year, at New York, the metropolitan press freely admitted that a new moral and political force had appeared above the horizon of our times that would have to be reckoned with. In this conservative old city of 200,000 Catholics—the majority of whom are French—the considerate attention they paid their guests is all the more significant. Speaking of the proceedings, the tone of sentiment can not be better indicated than by relating the fact, that every important utterance emphasized the petition of our Lord's prayer for the unity of his disciples. Ever and anon, the plea we have been urging for nearly a century found voice in one way and another in this convention and the logic of the history of this movement, as Dr. Clark is said to have admitted, is in the line that we as a people have been moving upon from the beginning. Over 200 Disciples were present, and about fifty of these from Kentucky. The first sermon ever preached by our people in the city, was delivered Lord's day morning by J. H. O. Smith, of Indiana, in the Y. M. C. A. building. It was a sweet, tender, delightful occasion. One person responded for baptism to the invitation of the gospel. J. H. Hardin presided, and at the Lord's Supper brethren from States bordering on the Atlantic to the Pacific, the Gulf and the Lakes, acted as deacons. No more representative assembly of our people in

America has ever met. England, Australia and the Dominion of Canada were also represented.

A generous collection was taken for the General Missionary Society, and arrangements were made for publishing the particulars of this, as well as the "Denominational Rally," which account can be obtained by enclosing your address with a stamp to Edward H. Clifford, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Baptists kindly extended to us the use of their church and baptistry. Space will not admit of even a partial list of those present. Five great State Christian Endeavor delegations were headed by our brethren, and everywhere and at all times they received the most respectful and cordial recognition. Indiana, Iowa, West Virginia, Missouri and Kentucky, were the fortunate States. Hopkinsville sent a delegation of seventy-two—the largest from Kentucky—and the next State meeting is to be held there the latter part of May, 1894. Already the work of preparing for it has begun. A tabernacle with a seating capacity of 5,000 is to be erected; a new hotel built. Father Endeavorer Clark is almost sure to be there, and if this does not prove to be the largest Christian Endeavor convention ever held south of the Ohio river, it will be no fault of ours. The largest delegations in proportion to their constituency and the distance traveled were from the South, and an international rally, to be held somewhere in the Gulf States, is one of the probabilities of the near future. It will most likely take place in 1896. California is to entertain the Convention in 1895, and Cleveland next year. The part Kentuckians took in the consecration meeting was admirably and impressively given, and consisted in repeating in concert, first, our State motto, then the fourth verse of the eighth chapter of Acts, and finally, by singing a verse of "Speed Away," in which the whole convention joined. It was such an impressive and overwhelming occasion as is seldom witnessed on earth.

At the "rally," our attitude as a people to this, the greatest movement of the century, was discussed, and a generous contribution taken for the Salt Lake Mission, amounting to over \$400. When this work is fairly off our hands, the future offerings of the Christian Endeavor societies among us should go into the usual channels, and every attempt to divert attention from the strict Endeavor idea of loyalty to the local church and its benevolences, by urging them to foster special fields of work, discouraged. Speaking from my own experience, this Salt Lake call, while it is worthy of our most liberal support, has done an unintentional injury to the cause of Christian Endeavor among us.—J. I. DARSIE, in *Apostolic Guide*.

### The Young Preacher.

Help the young preacher. The first years of his ministry are years of "trial" in a sense quite aside from that in which his conference nomenclature views it. His character as a minister is forming; his courage and faith are under strain. So fatefully is life dependent upon life, that you may help to make or destroy the young disciple sent to minister to your spiritual hope. As you strengthen him, he will strengthen you; as you hurt him, by neglect or unkind criticism, you hurt yourself. Help the young preacher with your prayers, your sympathy and your purse. There may come a time when you will reflect on your course with gratitude and pride, seeing how he who was least among his brethren has become as the greatest. Your pride in that day may be excusable as a father's who looks at his own son.—*Pacific Advocate*.

### The Sunday School.

Sunday School Committee of the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario.—J. A. Alkin, Chairman; George Fowler, J. D. Stephens.

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From the interest manifested we have reason to believe that there has been a more general observance of Children's Day than heretofore, and there is no good reason why all our schools should not give their scholars an opportunity to share in the work of sending the gospel to the ends of the earth. They have shown themselves already to be a class of givers that not only can be depended upon to give something, but that they can be depended upon each year to increase their gifts. May it be so in a large measure this year, not only in Ontario but over the whole continent. A few of our schools have reported. We shall be glad to hear from others. Some have deferred the collection until September. Each school should decide for itself as to when is the best time. If your school has not yet taken a collection, by all means arrange to take one soon, and work for it, and pray for it, and you will be blessed in your effort. Here are some of the reports:

Children's Day passed off very pleasantly here. Instead of the regular lesson, the children gave a concert exercise, partly taken from the one prepared for foreign missions. They enjoyed this way of keeping the day. Our Sunday school is not large and so the collection was not large—one dollar. However, we hope that as the children understand more of the needs of the mission fields the offerings will increase. *BELLA SINCLAIR.*  
Blenheim, July 17, '93.

Children's Day was a success with us at Erin Centre this year, not only as regards a good turnout of children, but in the interest which they manifested over the occasion, and in their offerings, which amounted to \$7.66. *A. SKIPPER.*  
Hillsburg, July 18, '93.

No special proceedings on Children's Day. A foreign missionary collection was taken, otherwise there was no variation from the usual programme. *J. F. KILGOUR.*  
Guelph, July 20, '93.

Children's Day was observed by our school here. The scholars display a sharp interest in the work. No special programme. Collection, \$5.50. *S. E. MCKEE.*  
Erin, July 23, '93.

We had no special exercise on Children's Day, but the one all-important feature of the S. S. exercise was the foreign missionary collection, which amounted to over \$6.00. We had just completed paying a pledge of \$50 to the building fund of the church, so our missionary offering was not so large as usual. *J. L. LEARY.*  
Toronto, July 18, 1893.

The Sunday school at Everton remembered Children's Day by contributing \$17.24 for foreign missions. This is our largest collection for that object. The secret is, Bro. Baker has been teaching and admonishing. Have all our preachers and elders and S. S. superintendents done their duty along this line? I simply enquire; you can answer. *HUGH BLACK.*  
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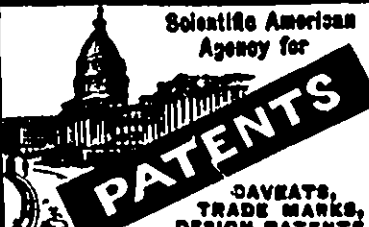
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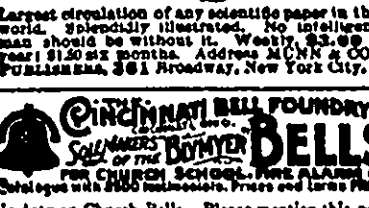
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