

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

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Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Knox Church,

OTTAWA.

In submitting the Second Annual Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, we think it desirable again to state the objects which the Society wishes to promote.

Briefly, the Society aims to bring into active Christian service the young people of the Church, to interest them in its work, to make them better acquainted with one another, and to train them to be strong Christians, to speak and to work for the furtherance of the kingdom of Christ, the cause which is the chief concern of the Church. The young people are the hope of the Church, and to them she must look to carry on her work in the future. Whatever helps them must help her, and the effects of the Christian Endeavor movement in this respect are well stated by one writer, as follows :—"The outcome of the Christian Endeavor organization, when intelligently conducted and enthusiastically received, is the immediate and visible uplifting of the young to a higher plane of living and a wider outlook. It identifies them with the kingdom of God, giving each a definite work, and a definite place in the grandest enterprise that ever inspired a human soul." The appreciation in which this organization is held is shown by the fact that there are now in the United States and Canada 8,000 societies, having a total membership of 500,000.

To attain the objects mentioned, it is laid down as an essential rule by those who have had experience in the working of societies of this kind, that there must be first a pledged membership. The pledge which our Society has adopted, and which differs slightly from that given in the last report, is as follows :—"Trusting in Christ as my Saviour, and believing that it is my duty to confess Him before others, and to engage in His service, I hereby promise to attend every meeting of the Society unless unavoidably detained, and to take some part in the monthly consecration meeting; and also promise to do what I can, by word and by life, to extend the kingdom of my Lord and Saviour." We are thankful to be able to state that we have already a

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