

There are now 7 Junior societies in the city, and efforts will be made to organize others during the present year.

It was decided at the monthly Executive meeting of the Local Union held in April that these meetings be made more practical in the way of assisting the local societies in their work. It was suggested that difficulties or discouragements that the local societies may experience be brought to the notice of the Executive of local union at its regular meetings. By pursuing this course more practical work can be accomplished.—H. M. McG.



York County Convention.

Newmarket, May 17-18.

The North York and York County Christian Endeavor Union began its seventh annual convention in the Presbyterian church, at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17th. Rev. A. McNabb being in the chair. After devotional exercises, Rev. C. E. Scott, of Schomberg, gave a good address on "The active members: How to get them to act." Miss J. Carruthers, of Toronto, read a fine paper on "The associate member: How to get and how to get rid of." The session closed by a discussion of practical methods, in which Junior work was particularly taken up.

At one o'clock the afternoon session opened with a large number of delegates present. Dr. E. L. Brereton, of Schomberg, was the chairman. "Systematic and Proportionate Giving" was the subject of an excellent address by W. T. Moore, of Toronto, after which Rev. Mr. Hagar, of Mount Albert, delivered an earnest and telling address on "Personal Example and Influence." A lively and profitable discussion ensued. In the "Pastors' Hour" the following gentlemen made three-minute speeches:—Revs. A. McNabb, H. Lee, A. Imrie, C. T. Cocking, E. E. Scott, Wm. Moore, G. W. Dewey, P. Fletcher, W. H. Chidley, Mr. Hagar.

The evening session, which was held in the Christian church, was a grand success. The meeting was opened by the pastor of the church, Rev. Elder Chidley, after which eloquent addresses of welcome were delivered on behalf of the Young People's Societies of Newmarket, by Rev. H. S. Matthews; and on behalf of the town by Mayor Cane.

Mr. F. E. York, of Aurora, and Mr. S. J. Duncan-Clarke, of Toronto, made suitable replies on behalf of the visiting delegates.

Rev. E. E. Scott, of St. Paul's church, Toronto, was then called upon. His subject was "Christain Citizenship." He said the object of the C. E. societies was not only to take men to Heaven, but to bring Heaven down to men. He then referred to the patriotism and indomitable courage of the Saxon race, which had placed the British nation ahead of every other nation in the onward march of civilization and science. We want not only this national patriotism that makes citizens willing to die for their country, but a patriotism that will turn out civic impurity, dishonesty, and oppression. Members of parliament had one code of religious principles to govern them at home and another at Ottawa. When women get the franchise this would not be so, for his own uncle voted Liberal, while his sensible aunt would vote Conservative. Two great steps in advance are yet to be taken, the one when the liquor traffic will be abolished and the other when the struggle between labor and capital will be at an end.

Mr. F. S. Spence was the next speaker. He traced the development of the temperance cause from its beginning to the present. Seventy years ago there was not a temperance pledge in existence. The first temperance societies were for the purpose of practising drinking without getting drunk. Then drinking intoxicating liquor was limited to meal time, then to holidays and sheep washings. Now the temperance pledges demand total abstinence. The number of places licensed to sell liquor is only half as many as it was a few years ago. The addresses were interspersed with good music by the choir.

A sunrise prayer meeting was held in the Friends' church at 6.45 on Wednesday morning, led by H. Bingham, of Aurora. It was largely attended, and a profitable season enjoyed.

Wednesday morning session was held in the Christian church.

Nominating Committee's report read and adopted as follows:—Mr. H. Bingham, Aurora, President; Rev. H. Lee, Aurora, vice-president; Mr. H. Prettie, Newmarket, secretary; Miss A. Winch, Belhaven, treasurer; directors, Mr. Fleury, Stouffville; Miss Keith, Newmarket; Miss Morton, Belhaven.

Reports from the secretary and treasurer were read and adopted.

Rev. H. Lee read an excellent paper on "Opportunities," their use and abuse. He said that our time and our opportunities are trusts. We should not let the moments pass without doing something for Christ.

Young men let opportunities pass till they grow older when it is too late to retrace their steps.

Following this, was an inspiring address by Rev. G. W. Dewey on "Music, its place in the society." He said that music had an educative power. Singing is as sacred as prayer. Choose appropriate hymns and do not sing light and trifling pieces in the society.

The session opened on Wednesday afternoon with a well filled church.

The County Nominating Committee's report was adopted as follows: President, Rev. J. Willson, Stouffville; vice-president, Mr. A. Imrie, Aurora; sec.-treasurer, Miss J. Carruthers, Toronto; council, H. Bingham, Aurora; C. Ferrier, Mimico; A. Loveless, Agincourt; G. A. Watts, Toronto.

The Finance Committee recommended that the County Convention be held every alternate year, and that an invitation be extended to the local organizations to meet with them. Finances were encouraging.

Rev. Mr. McCarthy, a returned missionary from China, gave a stirring address on "The Evangelization of the world in this Generation." He spoke of the work in China and said he had travelled thousands of miles in that country, and was never molested, but was treated most cordially. Over two hundred native Christians were praying that he might be safe.

Following this was an address on "The Money Problem in Missions" by Mr. E. G. Robb, of Toronto. He said there was a lack of funds for mission work. Men were ready but means were not. The communicants of the Toronto Presbytery gave only 90 cents a year per member to the mission cause, and he presumed other denominations were no better.

Mr. C. J. Atkinson made a few remarks on Nashville, '98, after which the session closed.

Wednesday evening session, Dr. Brereton, of Schomberg, in the chair. Rev. H. Lee conducted the devotional services.

In vacating the chair and giving place to Mr. Bingham, the president-elect, the retiring president, Dr. Brereton, referred especially to his own conversion.

Rev. Percy Fletcher, of Oshawa, congratulated North York on the excellence of the convention. His subject was "A goal and an effort to reach it." He spoke of the importance of having an ideal. Christ is the great ideal toward which we should aim. It is only by striving that we can hope to win. Aim at reaching the ideal of the occupa-