

YOUNG PEOPLE.

—Again has the Christian Endeavor movement astonished all Christendom by the hosts it brought together at the recent Boston convention. The names of 56,485 delegates were registered, and 10,000 more are reckoned to have been present as visitors; and the spiritual quality of that notable week's gathering fairly matched its prodigious proportions. The growth of the last year amounted to 7750 societies, making a total of 41,229, with 2,473,740 members. In the sessions the place of honor among topics was accorded to good citizenship and missions. More than \$10 each had been raised by 5557 societies for the spread of the Gospel among the nations, and it is estimated that the total of missionary offerings reached \$425,000. The Friends reported that their Endeavorers sustain 15 missionaries wholly or in part. Well might the Boston *Advertiser* exclaim: "What other human concern, belief, hope or ambition is there, be it politics, business, pleasure, knowledge, or sport, that could bring to this New England shore in midsummer, from every State and Territory and province of North America, and from Australia and from Great Britain, and from 'the land of the midnight sun,' a representative convention of 50,000 delegates?"

—The Chicago *Tribune* sent a staff of reporters and artists to Boston to "cover" the Christian Endeavor Convention; the work was admirably done, and the *Tribune* deserves the thanks of all Christian people.

—The Baptist rally was an amazement to many. Where did all these Baptists come from? was a general question. The session was full of interest. Professor Vedder presided, and greeted his fellow Endeavorers to "the largest Baptist meeting ever held, not only in Boston, but in the world."

—The Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Union has held a conference of missionary committees, and the following

topics were considered: "An Efficient Missionary Committee," "The Missionary Meeting" and "Systematic Giving." There was a large attendance of those interested in home and foreign missions.

—A novel method of awakening zeal and prayer in behalf of missionary work has been adopted by one Christian Endeavor Society, which has undertaken the support of a native preacher in the Madura Mission, costing, above what the people themselves raise, \$40 a year. This makes 11 cents a day. A card is prepared for each day of the year, and the member of the society taking that card pays the 11 cents and promises to pray especially for that helper on that particular day. Thus alms and prayers go together.

—A call has been issued for the first national convention of Young Lutherans, to be held in Pittsburg, October 30th and 31st. The object of the convention will be "to promote Christian fraternity among all Lutherans in the United States, to organize a national association, and to quicken practical Christian activities."

—One of the most interesting of the missionary societies in mission fields is the Missionary Children's Missionary Association in Western Turkey. Its members are the sons and daughters of missionaries; its headquarters are in Constantinople, and it has local societies with suggestive names, such as "The Fishers of the Bosphorus," "Marsovan Gleaners," "Mountain Jewel Seekers," in all the 7 stations of the mission. The local societies hold monthly meetings, and the annual meeting occurs in connection with that of the mission. For a time the association supported an Indian girl at Hampton Institute, and later the funds—about \$50 a year—have been appropriated for schools in China and Ceylon.

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—The census report covering the statistics of churches has just been is-