

Christian Endeavor Chat

REV. J. F. COWAN, for a number of years editor of the Methodist Protestant S. S. publications, has recently been appointed associate editor of *The Christian Endeavor World*.

THE verses by our esteemed contributor, Miss Amy Parkinson, entitled "The Messenger Hours," have received the following high tribute from Professor Goldwin Smith: "If my taste does not deceive me, they are as good as anything that has come from a Canadian pen." The poem is republished in this issue.

FOR some time there has been a movement on foot to secure uniform topics for all the young people's societies of America. Recently representatives from the United Society, the Epworth League, the Young People's Baptist Union, and other organizations, met and drafted a list of topics which will come into use in 1899.

THE Ontario Executive have decided to invite Mrs. Alden, better known as "Pansy," to take part in the Hamilton convention next October. The Toronto Union invited Mrs. Alden to its last annual meeting, but she was unable to accept on account of sickness. Her letter of regretful refusal expressed a very strong desire to meet her Canadian friends.

MR. C. J. ATKINSON, Ontario's indefatigable excursion manager who so successfully conducted the San Francisco pilgrimage last July, is already busy making preparations for the trip to Nashville '98. He has taken us into his council concerning some of his plans, and while it would not be fair to anticipate, we can assure our readers that the trip south next July will only be less delightful than that to Frisco in so far as there will be less of it.

THE Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., of Ottawa, a member of the Ontario C. E. Executive, has received a call to a large Presbyterian church in Galt. Mr. Knowles is a young man of considerable ability and eloquence. He manifests an ease and grace on the platform and in the pulpit that are very pleasing to his audience. He has been for some time an active supporter of the Christian Endeavor movement in eastern Ontario. He will no doubt prove a valuable acquisition to the west.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR is progressing slowly but surely in the German Fatherland. The third annual conference was held in Berlin, and representatives were present from different parts of the empire. Pastor Paul, of Ravenstein, an enthusiastic and thoroughly evangelical minister, has been chosen as president. Under the leadership of this "Moody of Germany," as he has been called, we may expect to see marked progress in

the growth of the movement in the empire of William the Second.

THE Toronto C. E. Union has set an example to the Continent in giving the highest office in its power, that of president, to a woman. Miss Lottie E. Wiggins, the able editor of our Junior Department, is a public school teacher and superintendent of Junior C. E. work for Ontario. It was her exceptional executive ability, supported by many willing workers, that made the recent World's W. C. T. U. Convention in Toronto the most successful ever held in its history.

THE present election campaign has witnessed the first successful application in Toronto of a well known Christian Citizenship principle, viz., "Attend your party primary meeting even though you have to give up prayer meeting." In a certain constituency a leading citizenship worker in the C. E. Union followed this out to the letter. He attended his party primary on Wednesday night and succeeded in having appointed to the nominating convention a number of active young Christian Endeavorers who could be depended upon to make a strong fight for a sound candidate. The result is that a man of character and principle has secured the nomination.

WE would call our readers' attention to an article, "The Child in the Midst," appearing elsewhere in these columns. It is the production of a young Canadian Endeavorer of whom we are justly proud. Miss Adair in the face of many difficulties devoted herself to the study of kindergarten and allied subjects with such assiduity that she succeeded, on the strict ground of merit alone, in winning one of the most coveted positions open to her profession in America. She is now superintendent of the department of Kindergarten Philosophy in Philadelphia Normal School. Our only regret is that we cannot keep such magnificent specimens of Canadian womanhood at home.

THERE was at least one most encouraging feature about the recent municipal elections in Montreal. Mr. H. B. Ames, whose name is widely known in Canadian Endeavor circles, was elected alderman from the leading business ward of the city. Mr. Ames has before this made himself felt in Montreal as a keen, active Christian citizen. It was he who led the historic civic reform campaign in which the liquor interest met defeat some years ago. He is a young man who has already achieved success in his business, and merited by his fearless integrity and moral backbone the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. We have no doubt that Montreal and Canada will hear more about Ames before very long. Why not Ames for mayor in '99, Montreal Endeavorers?