

III.—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

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Ten Christian Endeavorers have gone from societies in Victoria, Australia, to foreign mission fields. That is one reason for the great prosperity of the Christian Endeavor cause in that colony.

Here are some new committees they have adopted in Australia: a "good word" committee, to encourage and practise kindness of speech; a "flour committee," to make dainty dishes for the sick and prepare more substantial food for the poor; a band of housekeeping young ladies, to take charge of house, children, and Sunday dinner, and give overworked mothers a chance to go to church; prayer bands, to ask and receive special blessings; and many others. Of course, these things might be done without "committees," but how seldom they are!

A novel and valuable form of committee work, born on American soil, is that of the "whatsoever" committee of a certain church in Washington, D. C. This is a committee whose purpose is to do the little things that, being everybody's business, are usually done by nobody. It does odds and ends of work that Christian leaders are likely to think hardly worth while. It is the gap-filling committee, and every society and church needs one.

Endeavor societies took active part in what was, it is to be hoped, the final contest for Sunday closing of the World's Fair, the petitioning of the commissioners. A large number of societies and unions sent earnestly worded requests, fully signed, not only by their own members, but by the prominent men of their towns.

Societies on this side the Pacific should be stirred to healthy rivalry by the brisk news that is coming in such a flood nowadays from Christian Endeavorers in Australia. An especially inspiring record is that of the Sunday-school committee which added one hun-

dred and twelve scholars to its Sunday-school during the past year. A noble showing, yet one that many an American society might equal with a little more effort.

Not satisfied with separate temperance committees in the various societies, the West Division of the Chicago Union has established a union temperance committee, which can unite the forces and focus them effectively on many of the most crying evils of that wicked city. Why is not this a good idea for all city unions?

The Friends are rapidly banding together their Endeavor societies into Yearly Meeting Unions, analogous to the Conference and Presbyterial unions of other denominations. Eight of these have been formed, and it is a most hopeful fact that four of these unions are furnishing funds to support each a foreign missionary.

It is a distinctly understood Christian Endeavor principle that all officers of State and local unions—yes, and of the United Society, too—shall serve without salaries, solely for the love of the Master. Secretary Baer has recently obtained the written statements of nearly all State presidents and secretaries, who cordially affirm their agreement with this principle. Even Dr. Clark himself gets no pay for his services as president of the United Society. The trustees also all serve purely for the love of the cause.

The earnest Canadian missionary, Rev. Egerton R. Young, has founded a large Christian Endeavor society among the Cree Indians of the Northwest Territory. The essential Christian Endeavor literature is being translated into the Cree language.

Two famous churches in the United Kingdom have recently formed Christian Endeavor societies. One is in Glasgow, Scotland, the church of Rev.