

III.—DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

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Missionaries among the North American Indians are finding the Christian Endeavor Society a valuable ally, not merely in the furnishing of money, but also in furnishing methods of training the young Indians in Christian service. At least two Endeavor societies are found among the Indians of Alaska, and a native Alaskan Endeavorer was a delegate to last year's International Endeavor Convention. In the North-west Territory, at Norfolk House, that eminent missionary, Rev. Egerton R. Young, has formed the Cree Indians into an Endeavor society, translating some of the Christian Endeavor literature into the Cree dialect. Farther south, Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, and the Indian Territory have their Indian Endeavor societies. Junior societies are found as well as those among the older Indians. A Christian Endeavor manual has been prepared in the language of the Dakotas. In one of these societies four tribes are represented—Sioux, Gros Ventres, Arickarees, and Mandans. It is this society that, besides giving liberally toward foreign missions, contributes also for the establishment of Sunday-schools among the settlers of the frontier, and even runs a Sunday-school for the children of the white settlers near by. "Lo, the poor Indian!" A touching story is told of one of these Indian Endeavorers, who left school fatally stricken, as was thought, with consumption. In his sad condition, nevertheless, he went bravely to work for his people. Every Sabbath he held services at places ten miles apart, and walked the distance between them. In the language of the Sioux, the name for the Christian Endeavor Society, literally translated, is, "Society of those who work for Jesus." Certainly that young man, Indian though he was, nobly honored his membership in the society of so noble a name.

The ways are legion in which a Christian Endeavor society may help its church. Not a few societies have lately taken upon themselves the humble but necessary work of a janitor, saving their churches the expense of this officer.

There are Chinese Endeavor societies on the Pacific Coast, and there is one in Chicago. This latter recently sent eleven members to a meeting of the union to which their society belongs. Several of these Chinese had to furnish substitutes at their working-places, at the cost of half a day's wages, yet they attended the meeting.

The Endeavorers of an Endeavor society in New South Wales do missionary work in their own Sunday-school. All genuine Endeavor societies do that, but this one does it in an especially pleasant and effective way. On a certain evening they single out certain classes of the school, issuing to those classes special invitations to the prayer-meeting. There a well-supported evangelistic service is held, and earnest efforts are made to bring the scholars to Christ. Seven recently professed conversion in a single meeting of this kind.

The third of the many districts into which the Kansas Christian Endeavor Union is divided held a convention recently, in the course of which was a very practical missionary conference. There were eight new volunteers for missionary service to show as the result of that meeting, and thirty who pledged themselves thenceforth to adopt systematic giving.

At the coming International Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held at Cleveland, there will be exhibited a great roll of honor, to contain the name of every society, so far as reported, that during the year gives at least \$10 to missions. Everywhere the societies are expressing a determination to be on that