

enjoyed much the pleasure of the aged ones in their outing. A Toronto society held a banner social at which the Y.P.S.C.E. presented the Juniors with a banner. Mrs. G. W. Coleman of Boston was present and answered most helpfully a number of questions on the work among the children. At the close of the conference a number of yellow badges were given to the workers bearing the words "Pledged to advance Junior work," these were to be pinned on all delegates not already workers, who would promise to do all in their power to aid the movement among the boys and girls. Before the end of the Convention the little yellow badge was conspicuous every-where. The regular morning session of the Convention was particularly interesting on account of the reports given by the officers of the Union, and representatives of county and municipal organizations. The general Secretary Mr. Morros of Hamilton reported 156 new societies for 1895, or a total of 1652 societies in Ontario. These societies have an active membership of 48,558, associate 28,731, total 77,289. The Presbyterian figures stand, societies 523, active members 15,404, associate 9,497, total 24,901. The Treasurer's report showed a very slight deficit. The report of Dr. Dickson the Provincial editor was very interesting; his experience with the newspaper led him to remark that there was wide room for evangelistic work among editors of the secular press. He believes the day is coming when they will be compelled to give the Y.P.S.C.E. the position on their columns it deserves. Mr. C. J. Atkinson's report on Junior work was listened to with closest attention. It showed a growth of 63 in the number of societies since last year: there are now in the Province 10,661 Juniors, composing 238 societies of which 52 are Presbyterian. The largest contribution to missions was given by the 15 Juniors of the Alexandria Industrial school, amounting to \$45.00. Knox Presbyterian, Perth gave \$42.80. After all the reports were in, the Rev. Geo. Fowler, of London spoke on "Advance Endeavor." He urged advance steps in personal consecration, Bible study and Christian citizenship. The afternoon was given up to the Juniors. Mrs. Coleman of Boston delivered an inspiring address on this grandest branch of Endeavor work, which was followed by a conference on, "Benefits of Junior work," under the leading of Mr. Geo. B. Bickle of Toronto. Many took part in this discussion and told how the Junior society helped the Y.P.S.C.E. the pastor, the Sabbath-school, and the boys and girls themselves. The meeting then adjourned to the Armoury, where 3,000 children and young people met in one of the most successful gatherings of the Convention. Master Ernest Wilkinson of Wellington St. local society presided ably, and Mrs. Coleman spoke to the Juniors on "Light." She said light did three things, drove away darkness, showed the dust, and revealed the way; so Jesus the Light of the World drives darkness from our lives, shows us the evil in them, and reveals to us the right way, and so too must Juniors, as His disciples, shine. A pleasing feature of the great rally was an illustration of Junior committee work by four girls and three boys who each bore an appropriate emblem of the committee represented. There can be no doubt that the work of the afternoon will give an impetus to Junior work that will be felt throughout the Province. In the evening the Convention was broken up into fragments, and a C. E. meeting held in every church in the city, thus carrying the Endeavor idea into many churches where the society does not as yet exist. We attended Zion Presbyterian, and enjoyed a splendid meeting. In the absence of the appointed leader Dr. Nichol took the chair, and left things to a great extent in the hands of the audience, who took hold heartily, and testified joyfully to blessing already received at the Convention. Dr. Hartmann, a Moravian missionary among the Delaware Indians told how his efforts for them had been fruitless until he tried the Endeavor idea, and then as a testimony to its success he introduced to us chief Tobias of the Delawares, superintendent of their Junior society and Eli Jacobs President of their Y.P.S.C.E., both made short but excellent addresses, and the meeting was reluctantly brought to a close by chief Tobias singing "The Sweet Bye and Bye," in his own tongue, the audience joining in the English chorus.

Thursday morning was devoted to denominational rallies. We attended, of course, our own in the First Presbyterian church. There was a large gathering of our people, and the meeting was carried through with a hearty swing. Dr. Nichol took the chair, and Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, of Bowmanville, delivered a very practical address on "Necessary things in Presbyterian Organization," in which he urged the benefit and need of organizing our societies into unions according to Presbyteries, having organic union with the Presbytery. This gave rise to every lively discussion lasting for some time and which eventually embodied itself in a resolution calling for organization of our societies on Presbyterian lines. Dr. Dixon spoke on practical work for missions, and dwelt most forcibly on the claims of the home field. Rev. J. G.

Conning of the *Endeavor Herald*, eloquently pleaded for Christian citizenship. Both addresses were afterwards made practical by resolutions based upon them and carried unanimously. The advisory committee for the rally of '96 was then chosen, and is Rev. R. D. Fraser, Bowmanville, Convenor; Rev. R. M. Hamilton Brantford, George Tower Ferguson, Toronto, and S. J. Duncan, Clark, Toronto Secretary. In the afternoon the delegates re-assembled in Zion church, and the Nominating Committee reported the following officers for '96-'97: President, Rev. A. F. McGregor, Woodstock; Vice-Presidents, Rev. R. E. Knowles, Ottawa, Mr. E. A. Hardy, B.A., Lindsay, Rev. G. Munro, Hamilton, Rev. Wm. Johnston, Wardsville; General Secretary, Mr. T. Morros, jr., Hamilton; Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Doherty, London, Editor, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Galt; Junior Superintendent, Miss L. E. Wiggins, with Mr. C. J. Atkinson as assistant, Councilors, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford; Rev. J. F. Barker, Rev. J. Van Wyck, Hamilton. The report also announced Ottawa as the choice of the executive for the convention of '96, and the hope that the other Provincial Unions would cooperate to make it a Dominion gathering. Three stirring addresses on missionary lines were then delivered by the Rev. R. P. McKay, Rev. Dr. Dadsen, and R. W. Wordsworth. The first speaker eloquently showed that the missionary outlook was as bright as the promises of God, and that all that remained for the Endeavorers to do was to take possession of the territory God had opened up for them. Rev. Dr. Dadsen dwelt on the need and meaning of self-sacrifice for missions, and his burning words made many of us feel a sense of deep humiliation as we thought of how little we knew of the real meaning of denying self for Jesus sake. To clinch the arguments so far urged Rev. R. W. Wordsworth spoke with much power on proportionate giving, and in the course of his remarks elicited loud applause by an unqualified denunciation of the concert bazaar-social method of raising money for church work. It was with a feeling of regret that the delegates gathered in the evening to the last session of this most blessed convention. Zion church was crowded to the doors at 7.15 p.m., and fifteen minutes later Park Baptist church would hold no more. Arrangements had been made for the speakers to address both meetings. Dr. Clark, our loved president, had arrived after a tedious journey lengthened by a slight accident on the railway, and his presence no doubt accounted for the vast concourse of people. Rev. A. F. McGregor took the chair, and after an opening song service called on President Francis E. Clark to address the meeting. Dr. Clark came to the front of the platform amid the waving of flags and handkerchiefs, and most hearty applause. He touched briefly in beginning on the work of world wide Endeavor, and greeted Brantford in the name of 40,000 young people who had grasped his hand on his world round journey. Then he went on to speak of God's supreme purpose for the Y.P.S.C.E., he showed that while Christian citizenship, interdenominational fellowship, and missionary enterprise were all grand objects of the movement, neither of these was the supreme one. It was his conviction that God sent the Y.P.S.C.E., for the deepening of the spiritual life of our young people. He dwelt on the need of deeper, truer spirituality in our county unions, our local societies, and necessarily in our individual members. This life of consecration and Christ companionship was the privilege of all endeavorers. The gift of the Holy Ghost was meant for each one of us. He then called on the meeting to join him in individually praying "this for me." Thus the most heart searching and impressive address of the great Convention came to an end. Dr. McTavish then conducted the closing consecration service, urging the willing surrender of ourselves as bond slaves to Jesus Christ. The various local unions were then called upon to rise as they felt led and repeat their consecration message, from all over the church little groups rose and in Scripture text and sacred song pledged themselves to the service of Christ. Toronto city union, represented by some twenty-five delegates, sang a verse of "Nearer my God to Thee," in which many others of those present joined us. Then we all rose and singing "God be with you till we meet again," dismissed with the benediction, to re-assemble, God willing, at Ottawa in '96. Thus ended the grandest provisional convention ever held in Ontario.

## GLEANINGS.

The most striking feature of the Convention was the prominence of Junior work. Ontario will feel the power of it for months to come.

This time last year there was no C. E. Societies in Germany, now there are 20. There are 100 societies in Madagascar.

The fire has caught the heart of our beloved Dr. Clark. Thank God that the keynote of the Endeavor movement has been struck by him as the submission to the filling and control of the Holy Ghost. God grant our organization a pentecost.