

of Junior work presented at the convention will be given in next issue—our annual Junior Number.

Most impressive of all the features of the convention was its spirituality. An earnest spirit of devotion pervaded all the meetings. The early morning meetings were largely attended and they were delightful in their spontaneity and power. At several of the sessions great spiritual themes were discussed by able speakers, and as a result the spiritual life of the delegates was greatly quickened. Then, there was the final consecration service, so impressive, so uplifting. The able address of Dr. Rose on the blessings and possibility of the baptism of the Spirit was a fitting preparation for Mr. Baer's inspiring words. Chief among the noteworthy features of the convention we would place its spirituality.

The practical nature of Christian Endeavor was also disclosed in the provincial gatherings. The reports showed a year of earnest effort with gratifying results. If any one is under the delusion that this movement is summed up by accounts of society meetings and conventions, let him listen to such reports as were presented by societies at the meetings of the Quebec and Ontario Unions. In a multitude of ways the young people are rendering valuable service to the churches with which they are connected and are engaged in a great variety of evangelistic, benevolent, and missionary enterprises.

Let us also say a word about the arrangements. They were most complete. The noble Committee of Thirteen is deserving of all praise. Only those who have served upon large convention committees can adequately appreciate the amount of self-sacrifice and hard work that was necessary to ensure the success of this convention.

And what splendid music! The choir, under the skilful leadership of Mr. Fred Byshe, sang with fine taste and precision. The song services were greatly enjoyed, and the quartette singing was particularly good.

But "Ottawa '90" will be known in the history of the movement chiefly because it marks an epoch in the progress of Christian Endeavor in the Dominion. The national organization, which has for long been in the thoughts of leading Endeavorers, has become a reality. The new organization, to be known as the Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor, begins its career under the happiest auspices and with the hearty benediction of the United Society officers. It will form a bond of union between the workers in the different provinces, thus promoting sympathy and securing, if it should be required, united action. The Canadian Council is well officered and may be depended on to give a good account of itself. May God bless the Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor!

INTERPROVINCIAL MEETINGS

WORDS OF WELCOME.

WITH cheerful songs the Christian Endeavorers assembled in Knox church for the opening meeting. The atmosphere was electric with life and enthusiasm. The bright, eager faces that looked toward the platform encouraged the happiest and most felicitous utterances on the part of the speakers. There was no mistaking the nature of the audience. There was the same earnestness, the same vivacity, the same readiness to applaud a good point, that characterizes Christian Endeavor gatherings the world around.

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord" was sung, after which Rev. N. Waddell, Lachute, conducted the devotional exercises.

The chairman, Rev. R. E. Knowles, spoke of the convention as an occasion of devout thankfulness on account of its being the first time in the history of the Dominion when representatives of nearly all denominations had thus met together. He reminded the delegates of the privilege of meeting in the capital, the capital of the best country in the world. Referring to the fact that the prorogation of Parliament had taken place the preceding day, he said: "The law-makers have gone; the law-keepers have come."

Then followed the addresses of welcome. Mr. T. W. Quayle, chairman of the splendid convention committee, was enthusiastically received as he spoke a welcome on behalf of Ottawa's willing workers. He said that the ecclesiastical soil of the capital city was not the most favorable in Canada for the development of Christian Endeavor, but hoped that the roots of the movement in Ottawa would be nourished by the presence of the convention and lead to vigorous growth. His hope was that the delegates would be glad that they came, receive a great blessing, and extend the movement throughout the Dominion.

Rev. Dr. Saunders spoke on behalf of the pastors. His address was both eloquent and brilliant. Referring to the great July gathering in Washington, he said that he was glad to be able to welcome the Endeavorers of Canada to their own capital city, the Washington of the north. Pastors, in Christian Endeavor, had found by their side, like Adam when he awoke from his sleep in Eden, a fair and beautiful helpmeet. He did not know any movement more radiant with promise for the weal of our country, and urged heroism in the advance of all righteous enterprises and in the conflict against great evils.

On behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association, the secretary, Mr. S. J. Eagleson, uttered a few warm words of greeting, offering to the delegates the freedom of the Association's rooms while in the city, and expressing his appreciation of Christian Endeavor in its aims and efforts.

A very hearty reception was accorded to Mayor Borthwick as he rose to voice the welcome of the citizens of Ottawa. The Mayor said that the Council could not have imposed upon him a more pleasant duty. "The Society of Christian Endeavor is one which, with respect either to its origin or operation, stands in need of no commendation at my hands. Its founder and originator, Rev. Dr. Clark, is well known to all of us, and although we cannot claim him as a citizen, he was born and brought up so close to our city that he may almost be looked upon as one of ourselves. We are proud to think that through him and his work, the valley of the Ottawa can claim to have contributed in no small degree to the promotion of practical Christianity."

Very appropriately the responses to these felicitous words of welcome were given by the presidents of the four Provincial Unions represented. Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Montreal, came first as the representative of Quebec. He said that in the church in which they were assembled he had been licensed to preach the Gospel, and had spent an anxious hour while a committee of ministers were deciding if he had not propounded heresy in one of his sermons. Speaking of the fitness of Ottawa as a meeting-place for the interprovincial convention, he said that it was a good time for them to meet under the shadow of the Parliament buildings. Parliament had done something worthy of the occasion by abolishing the bar.

Ontario was worthily represented by Rev. A. F. McGregor, B.A., who delivered a pleasing address on the significance of Christian Endeavor. The word Ottawa meant much to Canadians generally, but it had a special meaning to Christian Endeavorers. Using the letters of the word Ottawa as an acrostic, he spoke on the points: Our Talents Training Affectionately, Willingly, Always.

In an effective address, Mr. A. E. Scott, of Winnipeg, extended the greetings of the Endeavorers of the Prairie Province. No one, he said, could doubt the sincerity of the welcome, if they had seen, as he had done, members of the Reception Committee at the railway depot at three o'clock in the morning to meet a chance delegate.

The president of the Maritime Union, Rev. G. M. Campbell, of Charlottetown, presented the greetings of the Endeavorers of the provinces by the sea, in a rousing address, full of graceful phrases. Trusting in the Christ for strength the Maritime Union was striving to raise God's standard on high down by the sea. Christian Endeavor puts the flag of our country just below the banner of the Cross. Around them let us gather. First, the cross of Jesus; then the flag we love.

At the close of this part of the programme, Rev. Salem G. Bland, of Smith's Falls, was called upon to address the audience on "The Model Church." The speaker sought the characteristics of the true church in the New Testament, and presented an ideal of church life and work that contrasted strangely with many of the present day practices. The model church, he maintained, was the best thing on the earth—the fairest, the most divine. He believed, that the model church should reflect Christ in everything, and that self-abnegation and obedience to God's will should characterize every member. It would have free pews, and be supported by the tithes of its members. It would have a converted choir, and the organist would play with the same zeal as the preacher preaches. The attendants would dress so simply that there would be no distinction between the rich and poor. Old and young would attend the Sunday-school. Questions would be decided not by majorities but under the guidance of the Spirit. Nothing would be done for selfish motives, or for love of show. This remarkable and deeply interesting address closed the first session of the convention.

OUR COUNTRY.

THE Dominion Methodist church was filled on Tuesday evening to overflowing. The addresses on Temperance and Christian Citizenship were able and inspiring, while the "open parliament" proved a notable feature of the evening.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Saunders, occupied the chair, and after the song service and devotional exercises, called on Mr. J. R. Dougall, of the *Witness*, Montreal, who gave a splendid address on "Temperance Reform." He said Endeavorers had placed temperance first upon the list because they realized it to be the greatest evil which they had to face. People in this and other lands were thrilled with horror as they read the accounts of the slaughter of the Armenians by the cruel, ruthless Turk, but in this land a foe more deadly was at work, and with a firm grasp was slaughtering day by day more men and women than the Turk in the far off Armenian villages. Referring to the fact that the government had promised to take a plebiscite on the prohibition question, he urged upon Christian Endeavorers the necessity of being in the fight from the very beginning, even before it begins, in order that as large a majority as possible should be recorded against the liquor traffic.

Hon. G. W. Ross was greeted with great applause as he rose to speak on "Christian Citizenship." It was a masterly effort, and the vast audience heartily responded to his inspiring utterances. Citizenship, he said, meant honor, privilege, and obligation; and he showed clearly how Christianity exalts and dignifies national life. Christians should be aggressive. All other religions are at a standstill, or are retrograding, but Christianity is progressive. Its arsenals are in every country in the world. It had filled literature with the purest and sublimest truths. He called on Christian people to be more earnest in their battle against the saloon, the gambling den, and other regnant evils. Patriotism is the effluence of the best and purest aspirations in humanity. The power of no nation can be permanent that has not within its borders a solid phalanx of Christian citizens. Why should men not love this land? Does it not, above all countries in the world, afford opportunities for the development of manhood to the highest possible stage of which he is capable? Our heritage is not a material, intellectual, or social one merely, but a religious one, and one that every Christian should always be ready to uphold.

In introducing the "open parliament" which followed, the leader, Mr. J. H. Carson, of Montreal, said that he wanted it to be a P.P.A. meeting, not in the usual sense with which these letters were used, but Pointed, Practical, Aggressive. He called for answers to the questions: What has been done? What is there to do? How is it to be done? The answers given revealed