

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR COLUMN.

**Montreal** The Committee in charge of 1893. arrangements for this great Convention are working vigorously to make it a success, and report that in the matter of entertainment they are prepared to welcome at moderate rates all who come. Let the preparation for it, on the part of all who are interested, all the world over, be earnest prayer that there may be not merely the quickening from the impulse of numbers, but that which the Spirit gives and which is abiding.

**Our True Work.** We cannot be too often reminded brother and sister endeavorers, that our great work is not in conventions, smaller or larger, but in our own hearts and lives, in the congregation with which we are connected. The conventions are resting, learning, stimulating times, from which we go to work "for Christ and the Church." Each one in our own congregation, whatever be its location or denomination, make its Sabbath schools more useful by your presence and work, its prayer meetings larger and more interesting and profitable by your attendance and help, its Sabbath services better by your unflinching presence and your earnest prayer for God's blessing upon the preached word.

**The Art of Hearing.** The *Westminster Endeavorer* gives us good and much needed advice in the following:- When you go to church, show that you are a good listener. There is an art in hearing as well as in preaching, and the one helps the other. He who listens well stimulates the preacher more than he imagines. Every earnest speaker knows how much he is inspired by the earnest look of a single hearer. But for your own sake listen intelligently. Thereby you obtain instruction, cheer and comfort. The service grows in interest and does not seem so long as it otherwise would. You keep mind and heart open to the truth. God's blessing follows. Besides, your example influences others. Your eager and devout attention encourages others, who note it, to do the same, and you thus unconsciously put others in the way of being benefited.

**C. E. Progress.** The *Inland*, of St. Louis, gives in brief the history of the Christian Endeavor movement in the following table:

	Societies.	Members.
In 1881.....	2	68
In 1882.....	7	481
In 1883.....	56	2,870
In 1884.....	156	8,905
In 1885.....	53	10,964
In 1886.....	850	50,000
In 1887.....	2,314	140,000
In 1888.....	4,879	310,000
In 1889.....	7,672	485,000
In 1890.....	11,013	660,000
In 1891.....	16,274	1,008,980
In 1892.....	21,080	1,370,209

It also thinks that at the report in Montreal the progress will be greater than in any previous year, as a result of Dr. Clarke's working trip around the world. Dr. Clarke will be home again to give the Society the benefit of his tour.

Our Home Work.

**A Month for Work.** But one month remains until the closing of the Treasurer's accounts for the schemes of the Church. Let it be a month of good honest effort, so that the various departments of the Lord's work, which, as a church we are carrying on, may be sustained in increasing vigor and power.

**The Home Field.** The students who have been gathered for the winter to pursue their studies, are now going forth to their summer's work. Many a mission field that has had during the winter its silent Sabbaths will welcome the messenger of good tidings. Will our friends in these Home Mission fields permit two suggestions. (1) Let there be earnest prayer that the summer's work will be rich in spiritual fruit. (2) Let there be earnest effort in raising means for the support of the gospel, that the Home Mission Fund may be able to distribute its benefits as widely as possible.

**Our Own Assembly** For review of the year and planning for the future, is drawing on. The great question before it will be our various departments of work. There is our great Home Mission enterprise, in the scattered settlements of the older Provinces, and in the new and rapidly filling territories of the North-west. In this vast region the Lord is setting before our church an open door. An opportunity is now given that will not wait. The religious future of that country and, in a measure, of the whole Dominion, depends upon the present action of the churches. What was so recently a great lone land will soon be one of the leading factors in our Dominion. If we wish to leave a goodly land as an heritage to our children, the North West, while in its formative state, must be moulded by Bible Truth.

Then there is our great Foreign work, the very thought of it an inspiration, uplifting the world's sunken millions, lighting this dark world with the light of heaven, while on the other hand, out of the darkness beyond, comes, ever louder, the cry for light and help. O for more of the Spirit of Him who when He looked on a dying world, so loved, and gave.

**Estevan.** Here is a coal deposit in Manitoba around which a city is springing up. This place may help to solve the fuel problem for the Manitoba prairies, but while it means supply, it means also demand for the gospel. Mr. T. H. Russell, a student of Manitoba College, is laboring, there and in three neighboring stations. The *Western Missionary* says: "We are glad that the old Indian sacred shrine of the 'Roches percées' is being made to resound Christian prayer and praise."