

interesting. A new "settlement building" in New York, under the auspices of The King's Daughters has been appropriately called "The Jacob A. Riis House."

### General Religious News.

The Baptist Young People's Union will meet in Chicago in July. After this year they propose to follow the lead of the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Society and hold bi-annual Conventions.

ONE of the best testimonials to the value of the railroad work of the Young Men's Christian Association is the fact that of the \$350,000 spent in this work, sixty per cent. is contributed by railroad corporations.

At the ninety-seventh annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society it was stated that the issue of copies of the scriptures in 1887 numbered 560,000 while the issue reported in 1900 exceeded 5,047,000.

DR. DANIEL DOBCHTER, in the *Congregationalist*, says: "Comparing the whole population with the total evangelical communicants, we have these striking results: In 1800, one communicant in 14.5 inhabitants; in 1850, one communicant in 6.57 inhabitants; in 1900, one communicant in 4.28 inhabitants.

EFFORTS are just now being made among the Protestant denominations of America to secure help for the completion of the statue of Luther, to be erected as one of the attractions of the new cathedral which is being built in honor of the Reformation and its chief hero in Speyer-on-the-Rhine. The building is now being roofed, and when finished in a year or two it will fitly mark the spot where, nearly four hundred years ago, the Diet called together by Charles V. assembled to take measures for crushing out the Reformation.

FOUR students of Union Theological, the Seminary of Drs. Briggs, McGiffert, and P. Smith, have been refused ordination. Two Congregational Associations and one Presbytery are responsible for this action. The views received from their training in this institution can be seen by the case of one of them. When asked how he could doubt the doctrine of immortality, in view of the clear teaching of Christ and Paul, he replied that he did not feel compelled to agree with Christ and Paul when his thought led him away from their teaching. This is advanced thought with a vengeance.

### Christian Endeavor Notes.

THE Quebec Provincial Christian Endeavor Union have decided to hold their Annual Convention in the town of Granby during the first week of October.

REV. WILLIAM PATTERSON, in an interesting article upon the Christian Endeavor Society, printed in *The Presbyterian Review*, of Canada, says: "I believe that the individual society will be largely what it is made through the pastor and the office-bearers of the Church."

THE *Evening Star*, in a strong article on the Christian Endeavor Society, predicts that "in the future it will be not so much a school as a shop. The Society will leave the sphere of instruction to the Sunday-school, and will devote itself with increasing insistence to training, to activity, to service."

THE Christian Endeavorers of Paris run a temperance restaurant in the Rue St. Antoine, with a daily clientele of about a hundred workmen. It is in practical work of this sort that the Endeavor Societies must engage if their meetings are not to evaporate in mere song and sentiment.—*New York Observer*.

MR. WILLIAM SHAW says that the Christian Endeavor Society ought not to be expected to do everything. It ought not to be made the scapegoat for every unsuccessful Sunday evening service or dull prayer meeting, or the substitute for a stupid Sunday-school. It ought to be, and is, a training school for workers in all these departments.

The next International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in the city of Cincinnati, commencing Saturday, July 6th, and continuing until Wednesday evening, July 10th. The principal meetings will be held in the great Music Hall. Among the speakers will be many of the most prominent men in America. Rev. Robert Johnston, of London, Ont., will be a Canadian representative. Mr. A. T. Cooper, of Clinton, Ont., is transportation manager, from whom all information concerning rates, etc., may be obtained.

A RECENT prize news item in *The Christian Endeavor World* tells how some Endeavorers were instrumental in stopping Sunday excursion trains: "A year ago the Milford, Mich., Endeavorers circulated petitions all along the line of the Pere Marquette Railroad against Sunday excursions. The State railroad commissioner was also urged to use his authority. Many prayers have since been offered for this step toward Sabbath observance. Now comes the news that the passenger agents of all the Michigan railroads have agreed to do away with Sunday excursions this year. This is a splendid victory, won through efforts initiated by the Milford Endeavorers."

### Woman's Work.

THE Detroit City Union of Epworth Leagues has given the Detroit Deaconess Home twenty-two volumes of the Cambridge Bible.

EIGHT hundred women attended the recent convention of the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society in Knox Church, Toronto.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, contribute \$130 every year toward the support of the deaconess employed by the Church.

CANADIAN women have been asked to contribute to the exhibit of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the Pan-American Exhibition.

THE Woman's Christian Temperance Union of London, Ontario, sent a petition to the Provincial Parliament, signed by 440 men and 1,048 women, asking for woman suffrage.

THE Colorado Springs Street Car Company permit the deaconesses to ride free. The Kansas City Company did so until one year ago. Sisters of Charity are still accorded this privilege.

THERE are doubtless nearly 1,000 Methodist women in religious work at the present time who would not have been so engaged but for the rise in our Church of the deaconess movement, with its blessed possibilities.

THE Deaconesses of Toronto are anxious to carry on the fresh-air work among the children of the poor as they did last summer. Cannot our Leagues help them in this laudable undertaking? It costs money to send children to the country.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church, Colours, which has recently been remodelled, have given the organ, a magnificent instrument, for which \$2,750 was paid. The Ladies' Aid also donated \$1,000 to the building fund.

THE total receipts of the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society of Canada amounts to \$46,573 for the past year. The women of the Church of England raised \$13,466. Our own Auxiliary raises \$40,000, besides sending \$7,000 worth of clothing to the missions.

### Pertinent Paragraphs.

In this world it's not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.—*Henry Ward Beecher*.

There is nothing in the universe that I fear but that I shall not know all my duty, or shall fail to do it.—*Mary Lyon*.

If you hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of the earth.—*H. W. Longfellow*.

The constant duty of every man to his fellows is to ascertain his own powers and special gifts and to strengthen them for the help of others.—*John Ruskin*.

If, instead of a gem, or even a flower, we would cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels must give.—*George MacDonald*.

A large bequest was left by Christ to His disciples when He said, as He was about to leave the earth: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." Let us enter into our inheritance.

If the few who are called to the work of preaching, all are summoned to Christian living. Gospel preaching and godly lives mean glorious results for God and for humanity.—*The Presbyterian*.

"Here is my work to do, not to worry over. . . . My work," I say; "but if I can know that it is not my work, but God's, should I not cast away my restlessness, even while I worked on more faithfully and untiringly than ever?"—*Phillips Brooks*.

Many Christians are like the Leaning Tower of Pisa—as far gone from uprightness as it is possible to go without toppling over. The world is much more likely to pull over the campanile at Pisa than the campanile to lift the world.—*Sunday-school Times*.

The difference between the people who are always complaining that they do not receive proper consideration from their brethren in the church, and those who rejoice in their fellowships, is that the watchword of the former class is "Serve us," while that of the latter, is, "Service."—*Lookout*.

You reap what you sow—not something else, but that. An act of love makes the soul more loving. A deed of humbleness deepens humbleness. The thing reaped is the very thing sown, multiplied a hundred fold. You have sown the seed of life; you reap life everlasting.—*F. W. Robertson*.

### Interesting Facts.

The trolley car between Thorold and Niagara Falls runs at times 35 or 40 miles an hour.

More steel is used in the manufacture of pens than in all the sword and gun factories in the world.

The world must be moving with fair velocity when St. Peter's cathedral at Rome was illuminated by electricity. Eighty thousand spectators were present in the vast structure to see the wonder.

At last the British House of Lords has passed a bill permitting marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The bill has been introduced and defeated at every session of that body held for a generation past.

A single block of gray granite, weighing 1400 tons, has recently been quarried at Bodmin, England. It measures 68 feet long, 20 feet wide and 14 feet thick. It is to be cut into five-ton blocks for a light-house tower.

Tidal waves are strange phenomena. The lookouts on the giant liner *Titanic* had no idea one was coming until she rushed through it headlong, her decks several feet under water. From all accounts its crest must have been some sixty feet above the trough, for it struck the crew's nest, which is that far above the water line.