

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

COMMITTEE: W. W. Coulter, H. I. McKinnon,
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Cecil Street Church of Christ, Toronto, V. P. S. C. E., held their semi-annual business meeting on October 14, 1895. We have now a membership of 68 active and 5 associate. During the half year we have raised for missions (by Fulton plan of two cents per week from each member) \$13.19 which is divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. We have at present 37 pledged members contributing.

\$40 has also been promised to aid in the payment of interest fund next month.

We are just in the midst of a meeting conducted by our pastor, Bro. Lhamon. The members of the Endeavor Society come out faithfully every evening. We trust these meetings may result in many souls being brought into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The following officers were elected: Hon. President, W. J. Lhamon; President, C. L. Burton; Vice-President, Miss Ada G. Leary; Recording Secretary, Miss Rose Stennett; Treasurer, J. E. Hambly; Junior Superintendent, Miss L. Kirk; Assistant Superintendent, Miss Alice M. Hall; Con. Look-out Committee, J. P. Reed; Con. Prayer Meeting Committee, H. L. McKinnon; Con. Missionary Committee, Miss Ella Leary; Con. Sunday school Committee, J. L. Leary; Con. Visiting Committee, Miss Maggie L. Bell; Con. Social Committee, A. W. Goodall; Con. Flower Committee, Miss Daisy Urquhart. Yours in C. E.,

ALICE M. HALL,

Corresponding Secretary, 74 Huron Street, Toronto.

C. E. Prayer-Meeting Notes.

GEO. FOWLER.

Dec. 8.—*God's triumphs in the mission field.* Ps. lxxvii. 1-7. (A missionary meeting suggested.)

When we consider the feeble efforts that have been put forth in the benighted lands of the world by the Church, the results have been mighty and marvellous, and are but the assurance of what the results will be when the Church of the living God is united, as Christ prayed and the apostles enjoined. In writing of the Lord's triumphs in the mission field, we cannot do better than to quote a paragraph from the gifted pen of A. McLean, from an article, "The evangelization of the world" in "The Old Faith Restated":

"Work began in India in 1800. The East India Company was hostile and did all it could against the missionaries. The directors thanked God that the conversion of the natives was impracticable. There are now 500,000 adherents to Christianity in India. Chunder Sen has said: 'India is already won for Christ. None but Jesus is worthy to have India, and He shall have it.' Sixty-five years ago there was not a single Christian in Burmah. Now there are 84,000 adherents out of a population of 8,000,000. Japan did not permit public preaching until 1872, though certain treaty ports have been opened since 1853. There are 20,000 Christians in Japan. The triumph of the gospel in this land is the miracle of the age. Morrison entered China in 1807. His work was done in secret. In a deep cellar he translated the Bible. In 1845 there were six converts in China, now there are 40,000. Seventy-five years ago Sierra Leone was without the gospel. The people represented a hundred hostile tribes. They had no morals and were brutal thieves and murderers, crowding together in filthy huts without even the conceptions of marriage. Their religion was devil-worship. Now out of a population of 37,000 there are 32,000 professing Christians. Sierra Leone is now a center of great missionary activity. The Moravians began work in South Africa in the last century. There are now 200,000 Christians in South Africa, and in all Africa about 600,000 Christians. In 1800 the people of Madagascar were all idolaters. The first missionaries were told they might as well try to convert sheep or cattle. Now there are 230,000 adherents to Christianity on that island. The Bible and the laws of the realm lie side by side on the coronation table. A great work has been done in the South Seas. John Geddie went into the New Hebrides in 1848. He found the people cannibals, without clothing and without a written language. He won these people from savagery and superstition to civilization and to Christianity. They have sent one hundred and fifty of their ablest men to the adjoining islands. His epitaph is this: 'When he came among us there were no Christians; when he left us there were no heathen.' John Williams won Samoa to the faith. In ten years 30,000 believed the Gospel, and heathenism passed rapidly away. John Hunt did his great work in Fiji. He found the people degraded and demonized. Whole villages were depopulated simply to supply their neighbors with fresh meat. Now cannibalism is extinct. There is not a single avowed heathen left. Bishop Selwyn said of the work

among the Maories: 'I seem to see a nation born in a day.' Darwin thought it utterly useless to send the Gospel to Terra Del Fuego. The Fuegians have been won, and Darwin spoke of their conversion as most wonderful. New Guinea was entered in 1871. Already six hundred miles of coast line have been opened, seventy stations have been founded, six languages have been reduced to a written form, and sixty young men are being prepared to teach. In Corea and Siam the work has been auspiciously begun."

This article was written about four years ago. Since then great advances have been made.

The triumphs of the Lord in the home fields have been nearly as great as in the foreign lands. The Church has been converted to mission work, and with a united people the world will soon be evangelized.

Dec. 15.—*What is true friendship?* (Prov. xxvii. 9-10, 17, 19.)

This is any easy question to ask, but one most difficult to answer. The present age is to a great degree characterized by deception and sham. Most everything seems to be venerated. We demand something cheap, and we get what we are after. In commerce, business, religion and society, we see every where written the word, sham.

True friendship is characterized by sincerity, confidence, frankness, nobleness of mind, sympathy and self-sacrifice. Judging by this standard we have few friends, and may count ourselves fortunate if we have one. As C. E. Andersons let us strive to be true friends to one another. Christianity is designed to destroy all those qualities that make up false friendship and to bring into existence, and to develop those God-like attributes, which make true friendship.

"In vain do we look for the heavenly flower—true friendship—in the cold, calculating worldling; the poor deluded wretch is dead to every feeling of its ennobling virtue. In vain do we look for it in the actions of the proud aristocratic votaries of fashion; the love of self-display and of the false and fleeting pleasures of the world has banished it forever from their hearts. In vain do we look for it in the thoughtless and practical throng, who with loud laugh and extended open hands proclaim obedience to its laws, while at the same time the canker of malice and envy and detraction is enthroned in their hearts and active on their tongues. Friendship, true friendship, can only be found to bloom in the soil of a noble and self-sacrificing heart. There it has a perennial summer, a never-ending season of felicity and joy to its happy

possessor, casting a thousand rays of love and hope and peace to all-around."

"There may have been, and may yet be, many instances of friendship as honorable to human nature as that of David and Jonathan; but certainly few such instances have gone to record."—Errett.

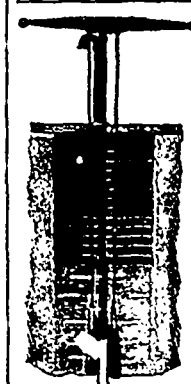
"There is no friend like Jesus;
Though earthly friends are true,
They cannot travel with us
Our earthly journey through;
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