

Official Bulletins

Canadian Council Corner.

"DETROIT, '99."

ONTARIO Endeavorers, you are specially privileged this year in having the great International Convention for '99 at your very doors. Detroit is an ideal convention city, the programme will be better than the best, and the cost should be within the reach of all in these "growing times." Is there a danger of too many going? "Don't worry about the additional labor your coming will throw upon the Reception Committee," is what the chairman of that committee writes. Our Detroit neighbors will not be satisfied with our hundreds this year, they want us to come in thousands.

Ask your nearest ticket agent for single fare to Detroit, and remember that will be the cost of round trip. The rates at homes as arranged by the committee are 50 cents for lodging and 25 cents for meals per person. Lunches, of course, can be procured at restaurants and cafes for less if the delegates so desire. Canada and District of Columbia will have headquarters at Central Presbyterian church.

Large tents will be used as meeting places for the hosts, and the opening session will be on Wednesday night, July 5th, when, after addresses of welcome and reply, the officers and trustees are to hold an immense informal reception. From the opening meeting until the closing meeting on the 10th every session will be packed full of helpfulness, inspiration, and enthusiasm. Delegates are reported from Tasmania, India, Japan and other distant lands. Rev. John Pollock, of Glasgow, will speak for British Endeavorers, and tell us all about "London 1900." Prof., Graham Taylor, of Chicago, and Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kan., will beckon for helpers in the great social harvest fields, while Prof. Morehead, Xenia, O., Prof. Willett, of Chicago, and Dr. Chapman, of Philadelphia, will emphasize the Quiet Hour and Bible study. The music will be led by a chorus of 1,200 voices.

A circular will be issued specially for Ontario Endeavorers about the end of April or first of May. If you would like to receive a copy send your address now. In the mean-

time feel quite free to write for information.

Yours for "Detroit, '99."
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From the Ontario Secretary.

Prepare to send one or more delegates to Detroit, '99.

"Local Unions."

THE idea of the Young People's Local Union is assuming larger proportions every month. It contains so much of the blessed idea of interdenominational fellowship, and its possibilities in the way of inspiration and fraternity are so large that it is evidently an institution that has come to stay.

All Christians, especially the young, need to know what others are thinking about along Christian lines, what the methods of worship are, and how this or that method has succeeded.

If the members of the local society never look or go beyond themselves, they are in danger of growth-short-sighted, narrow in their conception of duty and privilege, formal and routine in their "endeavor," and are liable to languish, if not actually die, of discouragement.

The Young People's Local Union brings together for consultation representative young Christians from different local societies. Matters of mutual interest are discussed, plans reported, difficulties considered, advantages weighed, and results given. Each local society, therefore, has the advantage of the projects and experiences of all the rest.

Bring together several hundred young Christians in a Local Union meeting, let them look into each other's faces; let them warmly grasp each other's hands; let their voices unite in song; let them hear each other pray; above all, let them bow in humble confession and consecration: *the inspiration is untold*. Those who are present usually go back to their own societies quickened and equipped for aggressive Christian work.

In a letter I received from Mr. T. Hendry, president of the Brantford Local Union, he tells of some splen-

did results accomplished by the unions of Brant County. He describes the Local Union, by using the answer of a little girl, to the question, "What is the back bone?" "A big bone with all the little bones fastened on." He says:

We may speak of the Union as the big bone, and the societies in the different districts as the little bones fastened on! The different societies carrying impressions, ideas, knowledge and experience to the Union and in turn the Union giving back strength, advice, and aid to the many societies depending upon her; the Union also acts as a father to the societies, keeps a watchful, fatherly, loving, careful eye over each one, ever ready to give assistance and advice; then again it is as a home or centre to come to. We meet and have our Executive meetings; all the officers and presidents of the different districts come together to talk over the work and tell of their successes, discouragements, and encouragements. The different members go out from this meeting refreshed, encouraged, and blessed, better able to build up the societies under their charge. Some one has said "many workers laboring in loving harmony of aim and method more than double the usefulness of one laboring alone." This is very true in connection with the work of the Local Union.

Then the scheme of intervisitation of societies is a good one and has a two-fold purpose: it promotes fellowship among the societies of different denominations and provides a means of interchanging ideas on the general work.

A few words might be said regarding the important committees connected with the Union. First we have the "Good Literature Committee", the duty of this committee is to provide literature for those who do not visit places where they can obtain it—it is distributed in homes, barber shops, and hotels. Then we have the "Organizing and Visiting Committee"; the work of this committee is to visit the different societies in the districts, stir them up if they have grown cold, give advice and encouragement when necessary, and also to organize new societies. The Temperance and Good Citizenship Committee is also an important one. It is their duty to promote in every way the cause of temperance, look after our citizens and see that they obey our laws and in every way try