

Once a year I send out blanks to the societies and usually have no trouble in getting 60 per cent. to answer promptly, the other 40 per cent. have to be reminded twice and in some cases three times before a report is secured, but the delay is usually caused by the corresponding secretary having been changed and a successor appointed whose name had not been sent me.

I have no hesitation in saying that where a consecrated common sense endeavor is made, every denominational society can be induced to join the county C. E. union.

Yours for Christ and the church,
A COUNTY SECRETARY.

What is the best time for holding county conventions? is a question that is frequently asked. It depends, of course, on local conditions, but as a rule, it is best to have the convention between January and June.

The denominational district conventions are usually held in the fall and also the Provincial C.E., so that if the county rallies are held in the spring there is a more even distribution, and it gives workers a better chance to attend each.

Wishing all readers of this column a very Happy New Year,

I am yours in the Master's service,
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Toronto Jottings.

PARLIAMENT ST. (Baptist)--The Christian Endeavor societies of this church held their usual Thanksgiving entertainment on Monday, Nov. 21st, when donations of groceries, provisions, clothing, toys and money were received from those who attended. These were distributed before Thanksgiving Day to families in the neighborhood where there were sick ones, or where a little extra comfort would be acceptable. It was delightful to see the eagerness and pleasure with which the boys of the Junior society trudged about in the cold and rain with heavily-laden baskets, realizing what Jesus meant when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Twenty-two families were thus visited, and the money was expended in fuel, and in flowers for the sick.

ANNUAL RALLY OF LOCAL UNION.

Thursday evening, Dec. 1st, found Toronto Endeavorers at Zion church, it being the occasion of the annual rally of the Toronto C. E. Union. By eight o'clock, nearly every part of the church was filled with enthusiastic young people.

Mr. H. G. Hawkins conducted the first part of the meeting. With him on the platform were Rev. E. S. Rowe, provincial president, Rev. Mr. Wookey, pastor of Zion Congregational church, and Rev. G. W. Kirby, of Brantford, the speaker of the evening. After singing the opening hymn, Rev. Mr. Wookey took the Scripture reading, and Rev. Mr. Rowe followed with a few earnest words and prayer. Following the singing of another hymn, the chairman called on Mr. D. Scott, corresponding secretary, to present his annual report. Mr. Scott took the platform, and after rehearsing briefly the work of the societies for the past year, gave a most earnest address, urging all Endeavorers to be more faithful in the performance of duty, realizing more fully the great responsibility placed on us, and incited to greater activity by the example of the Great Master, who delighted to do His Father's will.

In the absence of the treasurer, Miss S. E. Hunter, through illness, the recording secretary, Miss Jessie J. Carruthers, read a statement of the financial standing of the Union.

The chairman then called for the report of the Nominating Committee, which was as follows: President, R. J. Colville, West End Y.M.C.A.; vice-presidents, chairmen of districts; corresponding secretary, Miss Jessie J. Carruthers, Dovercourt Pres. Y.P.S.C.E.; recording secretary, Mr. Alexander, Zion Congregational Y.P.S.C.E.; treasurer, Miss McBean, St. John's Pres. Y.P.S.C.E.; superintendents: missionary, S. J. Duncan-Clark; Christian citizenship, C. J. Atkinson; Junior, Miss Wilcox; press, G. H. Wood.

Mr. Hawkins then introduced the president-elect, Mr. R. J. Colville, who spoke for a few minutes, urging all Endeavorers to be up and doing. All were impressed with the earnestness and enthusiasm of the president-elect, and if those who heard his earnest words will but take them to their societies, and put into daily life and practice the spirit he manifested, great results may be expected from the union during the coming year.

Rev. Mr. Kirby, of Brantford, was then introduced by the president, and during his earnest and practical address, all present listened with wrapt attention. Mr. Kirby spoke on the "Forward Movement," showing specially how we, as young people, could hasten the evangelization of the world in the present generation. The speaker emphasized particularly the necessity, as well as the privilege, of work among the Juniors.

During the evening, Miss Watt and Mr. Alexander favored the audience with solos. After the offering for union expenses, the meeting was closed with "God be with you," and the Mizpah benediction.

BRANTFORD--The Junior Endeavor societies of the city held a rally in Zion church on Thanksgiving morning. The service commenced at nine o'clock, and a bright and profitable meeting followed. A banner was offered to the society turning out in strongest force, and it was captured by the Juniors from the Congregational church.

PARRY SOUND--We are pleased to say that our numbers have increased at our C.E. meetings since the fall set in, and we hope for good results this coming winter. Our Junior society held a "snow-apple" social recently, which was quite a success. We like to see the Juniors enjoying a social time, but at the same time, we are endeavoring to keep before them the highest aim of our society, to promote the Christian life among its members.--W.

BROCKVILLE--A very successful "All Hallowe'en" social was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. The social part of the affair was provided by the C.E. society of the First Presbyterian church. An excellent impromptu program was well carried out, the feature of which was a "Character Study." Each person present was invited to write his name on a slip of paper provided for the purpose; the slips were then gathered up, and passed around again to others than those whose names were written on them. The persons receiving the slips then "wrote up" in verse their estimate of the person whose name was on the slip. Many amusing as well as profitable lights on human nature were brought out.

GALT--The Galt Central Presbyterian church Y.P.S.C.E. recently held their semi-annual meeting. The reports of the preceding six months were read, and showed the society to be in a flourishing condition, having at present 63 active and 4 associate members on the roll. After paying all expenses, which included the keeping up of a mission school, the general treasury showed a balance of \$3.00, while in the missionary treasury there was \$28, having previously sent \$30 this year to Dr. Buchanan for his hospital among the Bheels of India. The following, amongst other officers, were elected for the next six months: President, T. Howard Foley; cor.-sec'y., Miss May White; rec.-sec'y.,