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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

TO a large proportion of our church-going people, the word which stands at the head of this article has acquired a special meaning within the past few years. In Canada, notably within the last two years, the Society of Christian Endeavour has been introduced into many congregations, and with most gratifying results.

Although the Report is a volume of goodly size, comprising 188 pages, the information furnished as to the business operations of the Society, may almost be said to end with the statement of its numerical strength: 7,586 recorded societies of Christian Endeavour in America alone, with a membership of nearly 500,000.

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affecting the success of the Church will be solved. The youth of the land, instead of requiring to be looked after constantly by pastors and elders, and coaxed or decoyed into the Church, become themselves the recruiting agents of the Church Fellowship; the Gospel of the hand, as one speaker calls it, Christ exercised His Divine power through personal contact.

One prime characteristic of the Christian Endeavour movement lies in the fact, that it is not a disintegrating force. In and for the Church is one of its guiding principles. Testimony is borne in almost every address, and especially by ministers, to its great efficiency as an aid to the pastor.

It is most satisfactory to notice the frequent reference in the Report to the simplicity and naturalness of the exercises engaged in by the young Endeavourers at their meetings. There is apparently no straining after effect, and little or no opportunity for unwholesome emulation in these services.

We do not know the history of the name which the Society bears. It certainly is comprehensive enough. If properly understood in its length and breadth, much more than is sometimes supposed ought to be included in its operations. It might be said with truth, that every endeavour of a Christian is Christian endeavour.

We are glad to see that the conceptions of duty set forth by some of the speakers extends to the highways and byways of everyday life, as well as the more special function of attendance upon and participation in meetings.

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annoyances and privations, as well as heavier trials with a brave and patient spirit, in meekness and quietness, and to do it for Christ's sake, is Christian endeavour. In short, to be unselfish, helpful and happy in the world, while not of it, witnessing for the Master by deed as well as word, is an aim which we do well to exist in the eyes of young Christians.

We say with our whole heart, God-speed to the Christian Endeavour movement. It will be an auspicious day for the Church, when one or more of these circles of young people is established in every congregation. The constitution is so simple that, under it no special machinery is required to carry on the work.

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD.

THE triennial sessions of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Church of England in Canada, which has just been held in Montreal, has been one of the most important Church gatherings of the present year.

Among the matters touched upon in the opening sermon by Rev. Dr. Courtney, Bishop of Nova Scotia, and which afterwards engaged the attention of the Synod, was the question of Church Union, or as he put it, the Reunion of Christendom. He expressed the opinion that though their deliberations could not result in the final settlement of the question so as to bring about visible union, yet it might bring the world to know of the truth of their love and charity for each other.

The question of "How to reach the masses," received a large measure of attention on a discussion arising on the Pew system. A resolution affirming it as the opinion of the Synod that it is desirable that the sittings in all their churches should be free and unappropriated, was carried almost unanimously.

The report on French Work recommended the training of persons to speak to French Canadians in their own tongue and to show them in all love and charity a more excellent way.

referred to the "shamefully small" amounts sent in to aid Mission work in the North-West as compared with Presbyterians and Methodists, who had their whole machinery in full working order. With reference to Foreign Mission work it was resolved that, in the meantime, candidates for the foreign field should obtain employment through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, or other Church of England Society, with the proviso that the Board of Management shall be free whenever the time and circumstances favour it, in their judgment, to send missionaries directly into the foreign field.

Questionable methods for raising money for church purposes received much attention, and, respecting this, it was resolved that the bishops and clergy be requested to do what they may to bring those under their spiritual oversight to a realization of how dishonouring to Christ and His Church is a neglect of duty and a contempt for privilege in the matter of Christian giving.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE true character, sympathies and intentions of the Papacy were never more clearly revealed, in this day and generation, than in the pastoral letter from Cardinal Gibbons read in the churches of the United States on Sunday, the 15th inst.

A mingled feeling of righteous wrath and deep sympathy was bred in every Catholic heart when the news came that upon a public square in Rome impious men dared to unveil the statue of an apostate monk. Dragging the memory of a wild theorizer, a shameless writer and denier of the divinity of Christ from the obscurity of a grave that had for three centuries closed upon its disgrace, these men, backed by more brute force, have set up on a pedestal in the Holy City the statue of the infamous Bruno.

In a communication to the New York Evangelist, Rev. David G. Wylie, Ph.D., of Hillside College, Poughkeepsie, gives his impressions of Toronto after a six days' visit.

Much has been said of the church attendance of the city. It is claimed that in this respect it is the banner city of the world. If one may judge from the large attendance during the month of August, the number must be very large during the cooler months of the year, when the people are at home.

The report on Missions showed total receipts for Home and Foreign Missions of \$81,315.08—for the former \$45,574.10, and for the latter \$35,740.98. The Secretary in presenting this report complained of lack of interest in the work, some large centres having given only from \$50 to \$100.

THE Chicago Interior thus speaks of the Assembly Minutes just issued from this office: The Acts and Proceedings of the fifteenth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, just received from the PUBLISHERS, Review Publishing House at Toronto, resemble those of our Church reviews in appearance, but it contains more reading matter than any of the latter could afford to print at current subscription rates.

THE Rev. Thomas Macadam, of Strathroy, has been appointed Professor of Logic, Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Systematic Theology, in Morrin College, Quebec. The news of this appointment will be received throughout the Church with favour.

Literary Notices.

THE LORD'S SUPPER. Compiled and Edited by John Brandt. Cincinnati: Standard Publishing Company. Price \$2.00.

THE object of this compilation, as stated in the preface, is "to furnish a volume giving the views of the Lord's Supper as held by the leading religious bodies of the world; to furnish a variety of fresh and suggestive thoughts on nearly every phase of the subject as viewed by the various theologians; to aid those who frequently serve the emblems in making the service sweet, impressive and Scriptural."

Perhaps no subject has elicited so much beautiful and comforting Christian thought as the Lord's Supper. The powerful influence of that sacred ordinance, which carries us to the very heart of our religion, has drawn forth the richest treasures of pious feeling, and the sweetest strains of holy thought on the part of those who have had to speak in connection with it. No part of our worship is so closely identified with our Saviour personally, no part of it speaks so impressively of the grounds and riches of our Christian hope.

THE unworthy are often far from eating and drinking unworthily. We are glad also to observe the prominence given to the joyous side of this precious sacrament. There are many true Christians who deprive themselves of much of the benefit and helpfulness of this means of grace by giving way to sad and fearful thoughts. But the communicant should never forget that this is a feast rather than a funeral, and that one of its chief objects is to turn our eyes from unworthy self to Christ, our Passover, who was sacrificed for us.

required on the part of the reader, as there are occasionally views represented with an amplitude on the one side, and with a weak or disproportionately brief presentation of the other, which might mislead an ill-informed reader as to the real strength of the argument on each side. One instance of this we find in the opinions given on the question of the kind of wine to be used at the communion. We believe unfermented wine of proper quality to be perfectly legitimate; but one could form no opinion from this book of the weight of evidence that can be adduced in favour of the use of the fermented juice of the grape. In a new edition, which will probably be required at no distant date, we trust the editor will consider this question of endeavouring to present an adequately proportional balance of views on this and other controverted points.

GENERAL LOYD BRUCE, the new editor of the North American Review, is the author of several short novels which have been having a good deal of reading; one of them is "Paradise."

QUEEN MARGHERITA, of Italy, gave a private audience to the chief rabbi of the Jewish community in Venice during her recent visit to that city. She is an admirer of Jews and is a close student of the Hebrew language and literature.

In another column it will be observed that a literary announcement of great interest to the reading public is made. After a lapse of about five years the publication of The Bystander will be resumed on October 1st. As formerly, the journal will be conducted by Prof. Goldwin Smith. It will be issued monthly and will be independent in tone, a review of current events, Canadian and general. The Bystander is sure to have a large constituency of intelligent readers.

"How God's House Grew" is the opening paper of the October Quiver. Another timely article is "A Manchester Ministry," sketching the life and work of the Rev. J. A. Macfayden, M.A., D.D. "Aunt Jane's Nieces" is a bright story and is followed by a more serious contribution, "Hands and Hearts" from the Rev. Fred Hastings. "Our Soldiers' Amusements" is an amusing paper as its title suggests. Then comes an essay on "Influence," and then stories and poetry, and then again a more solid paper, being one of Rev. Prof. Blake's chapters in the "New Book of Martyrs," more poetry and more stories follow, and then the solid in the form of "A Supreme Appeal," by the Rev. Arthur Finlayson. A carefully prepared article on "Cruelty to Children," and a well selected bundle of "Short Arrows" bring the number to a close.—[Cassell & Co. New York.]

Contributed.

THE SEA OF GALILEE.

MR. W. MORTIMER CLARK'S TWELFTH LETTER: THE ROAD FROM NAZARETH TO TIBERIAS.—SCENE OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.—FIRST VIEW OF THE LAKE OF TIBERIAS.—THE SEA DESCRIBED.—CAMPING ON ITS SHORE.—THE CELEBRATED HOT BATHS.—EVENING MEDITATIONS.—TIBERIAS.—IN QUEST OF A TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MISSION.—A SAIL UPON THE LAKE.—CAPERNAUM.

A long day's ride brought us from Nazareth to Tiberias. The road was about as bad as any we met with, except for some miles before reaching Lubiych, when we passed through a fertile but badly cultivated plain—or rather valley. We lunched near a large pool, about which we observed some remains of ancient masonry. Our lunch tent was pitched in a bed of wild flowers, most of which were unfamiliar to me. All along this fertile bottom our path seemed literally carpeted with the flowers of the spring. We saw no signs of life during our forenoon's ride except when we passed some men driving a mixed drove of horses and cattle. As usual no regard was paid to the growing corn, and these animals were not in any way prevented from straying among the grain. The lifeless appearance of the country is most depressing and the effect monotonous. Near this point the French under Junot had a desperate encounter with a large Turkish army.