

average of sixteen cents per family will provide the necessary amount. While many congregations will very greatly exceed this average, it is hoped that an effort will be made in every congregation to reach it.

The personal rates of ministers connected with the fund are payable annually, in advance, on the 1st of November for the year which then commences. It is hoped that these rates, as well as contributions from congregations, will be forwarded to the Rev. Dr. Warden Toronto, prior to the 1st of November, as the fund is at present considerably in debt, and the half-yearly annuities to widows require to be paid on the first of next month.

#### Notes of the Convention at Brockville.

The Christian Endeavor Convention for Ontario met in Brockville this year, on October 1, 2, 3, and while it cannot be looked on as a success, there were many things about it that made it pass off in a very pleasing way. Brockville is an interesting place for such gatherings, and it was thought that it would prove attractive to a large number of delegates. Preparation had been made for 300, but only 70 put in an appearance. Thus many of those who were on the programme to take part, were not present and others had to be quickly got to take their place. The meetings were mostly held in the Wall St. Methodist Church, a building eminently suited for Convention purposes. The presiding genius was the Rev. J. S. Henderson, of Hensall, and under his skillful guidance, the meetings went along very smoothly. Being the first gathering of the new century it was expected that a good deal of time would be taken up in retrospect, and so it was. Such subjects as what the young people have gained; what the Church has gained; and what the world has gained, were discussed at the first session, and the meeting very fittingly closed with a sermon on the "Promise of Power" by the youngest man in the convention, Rev. Dr. Carman. The first evening was taken up with saying pleasant things, the mayor and the ministers telling the delegates how glad they were to have them in their midst. Then a very pleasant social was tendered to the visitors, so that everyone was soon made to feel at home with everybody else.

Among the speakers from a distance were Rev. C. E. Eburman, of Boston. Rev. Eugene H. Joy, Watertown, N. Y., and Rev. Andrew M. Wright, Ogdensburg. Mr. Eburman is prominent in Christian Endeavor, being the travelling secretary for America; he is a member of the Moravian Church, and in his addresses possesses a strong power. One of the finest addresses at the convention was by Mr. Eburman on Review; the Holy Ghost for power. The missionary side of the movement received attention from such men as Rev. Eber Cumming, once a missionary himself, and Rev. Mr. Glassford, of Guelph, pastor of a strong missionary church.

The Juniors received much prominence, as Brockville is the home of Miss Sadie Whitworth, the Provincial superintendent, and she had gone to much trouble in presenting that side of the question, which she considers the most important part of Church work.

A Junior breakfast at 7.30 o'clock, Thursday morning, a grand rally in the

afternoon in First Church, and a report in the Provincial work by Miss Whitworth brought the work under different phases before the convention.

The report of the Secretary, Mr. A. T. Copper, was sufficient to cause much reflection. The report says in figures that this is still a marvelous growth, while from many centres comes the word that the interest is dwindling.

The last night two meetings were held; one in the Methodist and one in First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Lavell M. P. of Smith's Falls, was the speaker in one, and Dr. Robt. Johnston, of London, the speaker in the other.

They are both very unlike each other in style, and in everything else, yet they were strong factors in the respective meetings. Mr. Lavell spoke on Civic Righteousness and Dr. Johnston spoke of the Path to the Throne, and while they each started at different points of thought they both ended about the same place. Neither can be reported. You have to read Lavell's to appreciate it; you have to see Johnston to appreciate him, and what he has to say.

Altogether the convention will do good. It enabled the young people to see to a certain extent "where they were at," and if they will profit by the lessons of the convention, so much the better.

#### The New Creed.

Some very able men are taking Zionism seriously, says E. S. Martin, in Harper's Monthly, though, to be sure, very able men have taken seriously before now scores of movements that came to naught. One man who is credited with having become an enthusiastic Zionist is Mr. Zangwill, the novelist. A recent despatch from London quotes him as expressing confidence that the charter for Palestine will very soon be obtained from the Sultan; indeed Dr. Herzl, who has been negotiating for it, has not got it already. And once the charter is in hand, Mr. Zangwill thinks, the Zionist movement will go forward with vastly quickened speed, and subscriptions come in much bigger and faster. Mr. Zangwill's idea is that the selection of colonists for the budding Jewish settlement must be very careful. Palestine must by no means be allowed to become a refuge for needy Jews who can't make a living. Only skilled workmen should be admitted.

The Zionists have now accumulated about a million dollars. Money is pretty common nowadays, and the Sultan always needs it. Like enough the idea either of selling a charter at a good price or of finding a profit in the increased prosperity of Palestine would be acceptable to him. Yet the Zionist idea seems to be largely based on sentiment, and the Sultan may develop a counter sentiment which will be obstructive. The cry of "Jerusalem for the Jews" may not fall gratefully upon his ears. It is a cry that no longer stirs the least jealousy in Christian Europe, and yet it is only six centuries since the last of the crusades.

Sunday Times: It would be a very poor world we live in, and a very poor life we lead, if there only happened in it the things which we purposed, and for which we had planned, and to which we felt quite equal.

#### Sparks From Other Anvils.

Presbyterian Standard: Let Christ be glorified in our bodies, whether in life or death, in our lives, whether they be imprisoned or free. And if we can point men away from us to him, and if our decrease can but serve to make his increase greater, then all is well.

Presbyterian Standard: God is not willing that any should perish. He is not willing that any shall break his laws. But the fact remains that men do sin and that men do perish. And it is equally true that nothing in all the physical or spiritual world happens save by the will of God.

Presbyterian Witness: Bad roads are costly. They are hurtful to man and beast, to cart and wagon—not to speak of the bicycle! Of course it is an immense boon to roll along smoothly by railway. For this let us be duly thankful. But there are tens of thousands of our people that have to travel a hundred fold more by the ordinary highway than by the rail. We hope our authorities—county councils, as well as governments, will give all the attention they can to the improvement of our roads.

Canadian Baptist: Occasionally a man develops a mania for pastoral calls, and that, too, whether he entertains the idea of leaving his present position or not. He allows his vanity to suggest that any one of a dozen churches would be glad to secure his services. He magnifies every word of appreciation, and every line of written inquiry, into an actual bid for his inimitable self, and then gloats over these imaginary calls, as an unmarried female sometimes boasts of the many offers of marriage she was once accustomed to receive. The pastor who can descend to such ecclesiastical coquetry deserves to be jilted altogether.

Herald and Presbyter: If we wish to preserve our civilization, the burning of human beings must cease. Crimes must be punished, but that is what our courts of justice have been instituted for. If the courts are slow and uncertain, they should be compelled by legislation to do what they are intended to do. If the people are too impatient, they should beware lest they destroy the civilized life of the commonwealth. Civilization can brook neither mobs nor corrupt courts, and breaks down under the influence of either. Let crime be punished, and let it be done certainly, swiftly and in the forms prescribed by law.

Christian Guardian: We all need to be divinely guided, if we would each pursue the proper course, for no man of himself can rightly direct his steps. We may devise, but only God can teach us to devise wisely; we may also plan, but only he can help us to plan carefully; we may likewise purpose, but he alone can enable us to purpose usefully. Moreover, without divine direction, our devices may fail, our plans may miscarry, our purposes may come to nought. For reasons such as these we are exhorted in Scripture to trust in God with all our heart, and not to lean on our own understanding. Our unaided understanding is not sufficient of itself to keep us from going wrong. Hence it is a serious thing for any one either to forget God or to refuse to acknowledge him.