

Turning to the San Francisco Convention we find a similar note struck by the president Rev. Dr. Clark:

"The movement as a world-wide movement," said the president, "must be true to its fundamental idea which in the case of the Christian Endeavor Society is to raise the standard among young people of outspoken devotion and consecrated service. This idea embodied in the covenant pledge, makes that covenant imperative in an Endeavor society. The movement is not a conglomeration of every kind of young people's societies, but a movement for the spread of definite ideas which God has owned and blessed."

Again he dwelt upon the fundamental thought that Christian Endeavor can only prosper as Christ is in its members and its members are in Christ. In this closer walk he urged more attention to family religion, family Christian Endeavor worship, in which each member has a personal part. "So also with the morning watch; the time set apart each morning for communion with God. These carried out make the fourfold Christian Endeavor cord: 'The world for Christ,' 'The Nation for Christ,' 'The Family for Christ,' 'Myself for Christ'; and this record cannot be broken. As the world does not know what God can do through a fully consecrated man, so it does not know what God can do through a fully consecrated organization which has omnipotence to draw upon."

The annual report showed the phenomenal growth of the Christian Endeavour Society last year: Five thousand new societies have been added, making 50,747 local societies, or a total of 50,780, with a membership of fully 3,000,000. Among the States Pennsylvania still leads with 3,443; next comes New York, with 3,049; Ohio, 2,383; Illinois, 2,013; while Ontario, India, Iowa and Michigan have over 1,000; this apart from the Junior societies, the Intermediate societies, the Senior and Mothers' societies. Canada reports 3,390 England has 3,925 societies; Australia, 2,124; Scotland, 433; Wales, 311; India, 250; Ireland, 169; Madagascar, 93; France, 68; Mexico, 100; Japan, 66; West Indies, 63; Turkey, 41; China, 53; Africa, 52; Germany, 32, and so on until the total of 7,919 is reached.

#### CONFERENCE OF RABBIS.

It should excite no surprise that thoughtful people in all the churches are evincing great interest in the movements and problems affecting the Jews—the Chosen People. Whether the question be repatriation, persecution in Russia or Turkey, missionary efforts, colonization, etc, the same enlightened interest is manifested. Of late a quickening has been felt within the Jewish fold. Jewish converts are unusually active, a desire for reform in the old methods and customs is expressed and greater liberality of thought is being cultivated. In all these phases, the public show considerable concern, and the importance of the Jewish race to the world is insisted upon by an influential section of the press.

There convened in Montreal quite recently a general conference of American Rabbis, when matters of practical importance to the Jewish faith were candidly discussed by the leaders of the Church. The conference has been described as representing a movement of the deepest interest to all students of religious developments. "In theological position and forms of worship" a departure has been made from the orthodox church. Rabbis were present from widely distant places in the United States, representing the growing changes of modern times. Among the more interesting and

significant papers read were one on "The origin and aim of Reform Judaism;" and one on the "Messianic Idea in Judaism."

There are in United States: Jewish Orthodox congregations 316, and Jewish Reform congregations 217; of the former there are 122 edifices, seating 46,737, and worth \$2,802,050, and of the latter there are 179 edifices, seating 92,397, and of the value of \$6,952,225. But while the synagogues of the former seat 46,737, the members of the congregation number 57,597, and while the temples of the latter seat 92,397, the members thereof are 73,899.

The Jews in the United States built their first synagogue in New York in 1650, and another in Newport, R.I., in 1658. According to the Rev. James H. Ross, there are about 1,000,000 Jews in that country now, 75,000 of whom are in New England. The last census shows that there are 57,000 Orthodox and 72,000 Reformed members of the Jewish faith in the United States, the heads of families only being counted. The total congregations number 533, the members 129,000; the value of synagogue property, 9,754,000. Counting five members in each family, this would give a total Jewish population in the United States 645,000. Dr. Robert Baird, in 1848, estimated that there were about 50,000 Jews in America. In the Dominion of Canada we have from 20 to 25 thousand Jews, 9,000 of whom live in Montreal and comprising 8 congregation. In Toronto are 2 synagogues; Victoria, B. C., Vancouver, B. C., Winnipeg, Man., Halifax and Ottawa also have congregations. There are various societies which meet for divine service in halls suitably fitted up.

**Communication with the Unseen.** There is constant communication between heaven and earth. We communicate with God in prayer; He with us in answering prayer. The holy angles, too, are a valuable and interesting medium of communication between earth and heaven. Our friends, who die and pass to the abode of the redeemed and glorified, may convey much information concerning us to the dear ones who have gone before. But it will only be a little while until we shall all stand before God. "Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know, even as also I am known." "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense."—Ex.

**Abolishing Slavery.** One of the points made by the American press in connection with the Jubilee celebration was that British sway over heathen lands meant the extension of human customs and enlightened laws. An example is furnished by the recent proclamation which frees twelve million of people in Africa from the shackles of a most cruel slavery. The tribes affected are considered to be among the best of all the African aborigines. Hitherto they have been under Moslim rule and slavery flourished in all its hideous barbarity. Kano, the capital of the affected region was the busiest slave market on the continent, and an area of nearly one half of Africa contributed to its traffic in slaves. Not long ago Britain obtained supremacy over the territory and as soon as its authority was established a proclamation was issued by Sir George Goldie the Administrator declaring Nigeria (the new territory) to be free. The fact is worthy of being heralded through the land, for behind Britain's laws is the British conscience, which yields to a righteous public opinion probably more readily than that of any of the great nations.