

speak of a large number of other young people's organizations, and that such societies are on the increase; the desirability of some direct medium of communication between the General Assembly and these societies; the likelihood that a standing Committee would serve a good purpose as such medium, and would be useful to the Assembly and the young people in gathering information as to the numbers, methods, operations, and progress, of the various societies; in helping to quicken the spiritual life and activities of the young people and to promote among them an intelligent and abiding enthusiasm for our Church and its great enterprises, and in seeking to unite more closely in the work of the Church, at home and abroad, the various societies now existing or which may be formed.

The proposal was adopted by the unanimous consent of the Assembly, and a Committee, representing all parts of the Church from Halifax to Victoria, was named; the Committee to include also the conveners of similar Committees of Synods and Presbyteries.

The Committee, which will be called together early in September, was left by the Assembly without definite instructions. It is to frame its own policy and shape its own plans in detail. These will in all likelihood follow the lines suggested in the overture. The Committee exists for the young people of the Church. It will seek for full information in regard to organizations at present in operation and will encourage the formation of new societies wherever there is room for them. It will, so far as the young people will take it into their confidence, voice their needs and wishes to the General Assembly. It will seek, through all available channels, to promote loyalty on the part of the young people, first of all, to Christ, the Heavenly Master, then to one another, to their own Church, and its great missionary, educational, and benevolent schemes. What a magnificent phalanx, the young people of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, banded together in Christ's name under the blue banner, for Christ and the Church! The Committee will take pains, further, to encourage fellowship and co-operation with all Christian workers by whatever name called.

In advance of the general meeting of the Committee in September, the Synods and Presbyteries have been invited to appoint committees on young people's societies within their bounds. None of the Synods have as yet met, but a large number of the fifty Presbyteries in Canada have already sent in the names of the conveners of their newly appointed committees. In some cases such Committees had been previously in operation with much encouragement.

A post card circular was also addressed to every Minister and Home Missionary, whose address could be obtained—about 1,250 in all—explaining the object of the Committee and ask-

ing for the name in full of all young people's societies, and the name and Post Office address of the corresponding secretary or similar officers in each case, the purpose being to discover what societies exist, where they lie and how they are to be reached. Hundreds of replies have already been received, and each mail brings an additional batch. Most of the societies are on the Christian Endeavor basis, but not a few are Home Missionary, besides Young People's Associations, Boys' Brigades, etc.

Along with the returns have come many strong expressions of gratification at the Assembly's action in appointing the Committee, and assurances of readiness to help on in its work. A Nova Scotia missionary writes, "I believe a careful and intelligent oversight, such as your Committee proposes, will be of great value;" a New Brunswick minister,—"I am glad we have a Committee like yours at work;" one from Ottawa,—"I am deeply in sympathy with the work and purpose of your Committee and trust that its end, most desirable, may be accomplished." From the Convener of the Presbytery of Toronto's Committee this good word comes.—"I am assured that the appointment of a Committee on Young People's Societies by the Assembly is a wise step. It is well that the Assembly should know the full value that these societies are to the Church;" and this from a corresponding secretary of one of the Toronto societies,—"We trust that your Committee will be very successful. We will be glad to do anything in our power to assist." A minister in a town in Western Ontario says,—"I am very glad that our Young People's Societies are henceforth to have as distinct a place in our ecclesiastical organization as the Sabbath School has had for some time;" and the Convener of the Presbytery of Winnipeg's Committee,—"I will be glad to secure for you any information, etc., you may desire."

The Convener of the Assembly's Committee may be allowed to add that he will count it a great privilege to hear from as many young people and Young People's Societies as care to write to him at any time in reference to their progress or their difficulties. The Committee wishes to hold itself freely at the service of the young life of the Church.

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Our Church. At the rally of Canadian Presbyterians at the Boston Christian Endeavor Convention, Rev. W. P. Cruikshank, of Montreal, in the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously and heartily adopted:

1. That this meeting, consisting of representatives of the Christian Endeavor societies from Presbyterian Churches in the Dominion of Canada, place on record our appreciation of the practical interest taken in Young People's societies by the late General Assembly in the appointment of a Young People's Committee to have special oversight of this branch of church work.

2. That we further reaffirm our loyalty to the church of our choice and our earnest endeavor to be of service in the church for the great King and Head.

Representatives were present from Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. A good response to the General Assembly.