

tion—the Christian Endeavor society will meet on Thursday evening for half an hour before the service to pray for a blessing at this communion season.' The Society seems to have the warm commendation of a large proportion of the pastors, including such men as Dr. Whyte, Rev. F. B. Meyer, Dr. Joseph Parker, Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, Dr. Stalker, Dr. Monro Gibson, and many others whose names are household words."

"A hopeful sign is the part taken by the Endeavorers in evangelistic work. For example, when I was in Swansea, South Wales, the Local Union was preparing to open a two weeks 'mission.' This is specially hopeful in view of the critical struggle now going on in the Church of England, and the alarming estrangement of large masses of the people, especially the working classes, from all religious influence. A gentleman actively engaged in mission work in England told me that ninety-seven per cent. of the English working men never attend church. The proportion may be much less than this, but the most casual observer can easily see that there is an immense field for gospel work in Old England, and that the accursed liquor traffic has a power which we can scarcely conceive. The great fight that the temperance people are now making is for a Sunday closing law, as the public houses are open, by law, nearly all day Sunday, and municipalities have no power to close them. Truly, the mother country needs a large share of our prayers, and our brother Endeavorers have a great field for faithful witness and earnest work for Christ."

"I spent a day in Belfast, and heard something of the approaching British convention, to be held there on May 20-23 (Saturday to Tuesday). One of the secretaries of the Local Committee, Mr. J. Newman Hall, is a former Canadian, and as he was really the pioneer of Christian Endeavor in Ireland, we Canadians should have a warm place in our hearts for the cause in the Emerald Isle. This convention promises to be one of great interest and much power, and the provisional programme shows that British conventions have the right ring. It opens on Saturday with the Junior rally—an auspicious opening—and on the Sunday there is a convention sermon by Rev. George H. C. McGregor, of London, open-air evangelistic meetings in the evening, and special children's meetings in various Sunday-schools, addressed by delegates. On Monday and Tuesday simultaneous meetings will be held in two, and sometimes three, large halls. Among the speakers will be Mr. John Willis Baer, of Boston; Rev. W. Knight Chaplin, Alderman Belsey, Rev. John Smith, Rev. Wm. Scott, and Mr. Charles Waters, of London; Rev. John Pollock, and Rev. J. R. Fleming, Glasgow; Rev. Herbert Workman, Newcastle; Rev. E. R. Barrett, Liverpool; Rev. J. B. Morgan, Chester; Rev. J. Ross, Sheffield; Rev. J. Lloyd, Colwyn Bay; Rev. J. O. Park, Cork; Rev. Wm. Park, and Rev. Henry Montgomery, Belfast. Two thousand delegates are expected from the United Kingdom."

THE author of the following suggestive and quaint little autobiography is known throughout the length and breadth of the land as the youngest old man engaged in the service of the King. For many years he has been working among the employees on our locks and canals, and the sailors on our lake boats. The more advanced he grows in years the younger he seems to become in spirit. He is a general favorite with the boys and girls wherever his happy face is known, and his fund of anecdote and incident and originality of illustration make him a most interesting speaker. When the day comes for making up the King's jewels there will be few crowns with more gems in it than that of the Rev. Thomas Bone.

A Veteran's Biography.

What I Was and What I Am.

I was born in Psalm 51:5, lived for years in Eph. 2:12, and walked in Eph. 2:2. My conversation, like Eph. 2:3. Description of me, Isa. 1:6 and Rom. 3:10-19. My wages, Rom. 6:23. Not liking my master, knocked at Matt. 7:7, 8; found the way in John 14:6; made a discovery in John 3:3, and a mansion in John 14:2, and One who lives at Heb. 4:14, where the building, 2 Cor. 5:1, has only one door, John 10:9, and one knocker, Luke 11:9. Now my conversation will be in Phil. 3:20; my rejoicing in Col. 1:13, 14; my present address, Eph. 2:6. Attend to what the servant says, Luke 14:17; call any day, Prov. 8:33, 34. When 1 Thess. 4:16, 17 comes to pass, I shall be caught up, and expect afterwards to be at Rev. 19:7-9, and be found joining in the song, Rev. 5:9. You will see how all this came about in John 3:16 and 1 Tim. 1:15. Believe the record in 1 John 5:11-15; rely on John 19:30; for joy and peace, 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; and walk in Eph. 5:2, and be ready like Paul in Rom. 1:15.

Purity.

By Eliza Wills.

BLEST are the pure in heart
For they our God shall see.
Lord, we would choose this part,
May ours this blessing be.

Help us to have no thought
We dare not share with Thee;
Let not our steps be brought
Where Thy steps ne'er can be.

Give us such visioned sight
Of Thee, the Holy One,
That, walking in the light,
Our eyes shall darkness shun.

Lord, we this blessing ask,
Give us Thy company;
Then, in life's every task,
We God indeed shall see.

Thus every hour and day
We more like Thee shall grow;
Who gaze on God alway
Are satisfied, we know.

Toronto, Ont.