

Christian Endeavor Chat.

THERE are no pauses now in the meetings of the Rakha society, India. There used to be, but some time ago the president intimated that after the first silent minute the meeting would close at once. This heroic measure had the desired effect.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR is making encouraging advancement in Australasia. There are now over 1500 societies. At the recent convention, held in Melbourne, the attendance was very large. There were 1800 delegates from societies outside of Victoria.

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THERE are now over 400 societies in India, the number having more than doubled during the year. We notice that the societies belonging to that other large part of our empire are taking strong ground on the pledge as essential to the welfare of Christian Endeavor.

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A LITTLE newspaper is edited and printed by the men on board Admiral Dewey's flagship at Manilla. It bears the unusual name of *The Bouncing Billow*. Among its news items is this notice: "Floating C. E. society meetings every Friday night at 8 o'clock, in the officers' smoke-room."

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THERE is at last the prospect of a society being formed in Russia. A young Scotsman has written from St. Petersburg for literature, and expects soon to be able to report the formation of a society in connection with the Congregational church of that city. Godspeed to the movement in the land of the Czar!

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FROM the report of the secretary of the Quebec Union, Mr. W. S. Leslie, we learn that the number of societies in the Union is now 182. The number of Junior societies has increased from 43 to 59 during the year. This is a gratifying advance and encouraging to the energetic Junior superintendent, Miss Mary E. Wright.

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FREE entertainment of delegates at Christian Endeavor conventions will soon be a thing of the past. Ontario has decided to pay its way in future. The Dominion Convention will also commence on this basis. And now, the British Council is considering the advisability of abolishing free billeting. Experience has proved that conventions gain rather than lose by the practice.

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"SHE is lame; I cannot find her a husband," said a Persian mother, as she presented her little girl at the mission school at Hamadan. The lame girl is now one of the teachers, and leads the C. E. meeting with great earnestness and spiritual power. Becoming a Christian has probably not improved her matrimonial prospects, but it has given her better than a heathen husband.

READ this account of work done by a society in Durban, Natal: Open-air meetings every Sunday, a visit to the hospital with flowers and texts, meetings in the prison regularly, help in the South African general mission meetings, visits to sailors, offering for support of native missionary in Pricetown! Such a record brings with it a whiff of spiritual ozone to stimulate to similar endeavors.

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EVERYONE has heard of City Temple, London, and of its famous pastor, Dr. Joseph Parker. There is a society of Christian Endeavor in connection with the congregation, and its power for good has been such as to call forth expressions of appreciation from the pastor. Dr. Parker said that the surprising success of the society should cause the hearts of the members to be filled with a new song and with a new confidence in God.

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MISS CHARLOTTE E. WIGGINS, who has for a number of years been the bright editor of our Junior Department and Junior superintendent for Ontario, has entered upon her duties as lecturer and organizer for the W. C. T. U. In this important sphere, Miss Wiggins will find opportunity for the exercise of her gifts as a public speaker and Christian worker. All interested in Junior work will be glad to know that she will still hold her position on the staff of the HERALD.

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THE Canadian Council is already at work on the programme of "Montreal '99." This first Dominion Convention promises to be a "red-letter" gathering in the history of the movement in Canada. Ontario and Quebec have both decided to meet in Montreal at that time, and arrangements have been made for representation from the other provinces. Special rates will be given by the transportation companies, and everything possible done to make this the best convention ever held in Canada.

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THE Endeavorers of the Presbyterian Church in England have now a missionary of their own in the foreign field. Rev. David Sutherland, M.A., has just sailed for China. Last year over \$1300 were raised by these enterprising young people. This is an example well deserving of imitation, and we believe that the interest of Endeavorers in the extension of the gospel would be greatly increased if Mission Boards would assign to the Endeavorers some special work for which they would be responsible.

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THE officers for the Quebec Union, appointed at the recent convention, are as follows: President, W. L. Shurtleff, LL.M., Coaticook; vice-presidents, Jas. Wilson, Montreal, Rev. F. J. Day, B.D., Sherbrooke, Mrs. H. Young, Quebec, Dr. Richardson, Lachute; secretary, W. S. Leslie, Montreal; treasurer, Wm. F. Stephen, Trout River; superintendent of Junior work, Miss M. E. Wright, St. Lambert; committee: Rev. J. A. Webb, Mrs. H. W. Snelling, L. S. Channell, J. H. Cayford, Rev. W. Lennon.