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The Christian Endeavor Society of Central Church, Hamilton, has elected these officers for the first six months of 1897: President, Mr. John Adam; first vice-president, Mr. James Stewart; second vice-president, Miss H. Doherty; recording secretary, Miss Minnie Sinclair; corresponding secretary, Miss A. F. Adam; treasurer, Miss M. Hardman; Conveners of Committee—Missionary, Miss M. Kennedy; prayer meeting, Miss A. Hardman; lookout, Miss Susie Lees; temperance, Miss Ella Hill; social and music, Miss Lydia Allan; flower, Miss Maggie Currie; relief and good literature, Miss Lottie Lees; organist, Miss Maggie Troup.

A "methods" meeting was held recently by the Christian Endeavor Society of Knox Church, Stratford. The pastor, Rev. M. L. Leitch presided. Rev. Mr. Moyer gave a very practical address on "Work." This was followed by an "open parliament" on methods, led by the county president. A number of helpful suggestions were given on the work of the officers and committees, which will result in better work being done by all. Some pointers for presidents—Be prompt, be energetic, be whole-souled. Our pledge means prayer, meditation, work.

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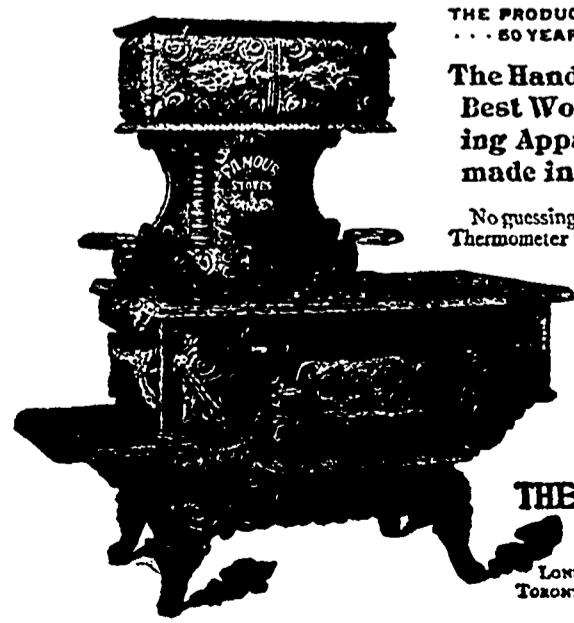
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