

Here and There in Ontario.

BRANTFORD.—The young people of Zion Church Christian Endeavor society held their annual social on Monday evening, Oct. 3rd. The room was tastily decorated with autumn leaves, bunting, and C. E. monograms. The seats were so arranged as to form a C. E. in the centre of the room. The regular consecration service took up the early part of the evening, when the members all responded to their names. The pastor made a few remarks, urging the society to greater efforts, after which the meeting was turned into a social gathering with the president, Mr. Hendry, in the chair. A short musical programme was carried out when the following took part: Misses Northcote and Wilkinson, piano duet; Miss Thomas, solo; Edna Hoagg, instrumental solo; Maggie Schrahk, recitation. Each number was well received. The Social Committee brought on refreshments at this time, and after the members had done justice to that part of the programme, and before the gathering was dispersed, a vote of thanks was moved by Mr. John McSporran in a very able manner, when he thanked those who took part in the programme, also the Social Committee, of which Miss Muirhead was convener, as a great deal of the credit of the success of the evening was due her. The vote of thanks was ably seconded by Mr. Best and unanimously endorsed by all present. The meeting was closed by singing "Blest be the tie" and the Mizpah benediction. This society deeply mourns with the church and congregation in the loss, by death, of Dr. Cochrane, who had been pastor of the church for over thirty years.

EUGENIA.—It is just about seven months since our Y. P. S. C. E. was organized, and we now have a large membership, 54 active and two associate members. At our last election of officers the following were elected for the ensuing six months: President, Rev. L. W. Thom; vice-president, R. J. Pedler; recording secretary, John Walker; corresponding secretary, Nellie Meldrum; treasurer, W. W. Graham. Our society has four committees, which are all working well. Our meetings, which are held every Friday evening, are well attended and very interesting.—N. MELDRUM, cor. sec.

DRAYTON.—At the recent Conference of the Christian Church, held in Drayton, considerable attention

was given to Christian Endeavor work. Among other resolutions adopted were these: "That every society be very careful to vary the service in order to guard against ruts and grooves which are so injurious to societies," "That every society adopt the Quiet Hour movement."

WAUBAUSHENE.—The attendance at the weekly meetings of this society is steadily increasing, and great encouragement is being felt by the officers. Plans are being matured for a Thanksgiving Social on the evening of Nov. 24th. New officers were recently appointed, among whom are: President, Miss A. Lytle; cor.-secretary, R. G. Nesbitt.

WOODSTOCK.—During the past month two of the active C. E. workers in Knox church removed from town. Mr. Ernest Carlyle left to pursue his Arts course at McGill University, Montreal, and Mr. Archie Pyper is in Chicago. The latter before leaving was presented with a handsome pair of gold cuff links by the members of the society.

Ontario County Convention.

WEEPING skies, muddy roads, and chilling winds played havoc with the eighth annual gathering of Ontario County Endeavorers, which convened in the town of Oshawa on September 21 and 22. The number of outside delegates was small under these unfavorable circumstances, but in spite of this the convention was a success.



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The opening session was held in Simcoe St. Methodist church, which was beautifully and appropriately decorated with flowers and palms. Major Fowke delivered a warm address of welcome, which was fittingly responded to by Rev. S. E. Grigg, of Brooklin.

The important address of Thursday evening was given by the Rev.

John Neil, of Westminster Presbyterian church, Toronto. His theme was "The Importance of the Work Which Young People Can Do in the Church." Young people, especially young men, had always been prominent in church work from the days of Samuel and Josiah in the Old Testament, and of our Lord, John the Baptist, and Paul, with the young men they gathered about them, even down to the present. John Calvin was but twenty-six years of age when he completed his "Institutes." Dr. Gillespie, Mr. McCheyne, Spurgeon, all did important work when but young men. The speaker commended the importance of church work to the young people. He believed it was the most important in which they could be engaged.

On Friday the weather was no improvement over the previous day, and consequently the attendance was very small throughout the convention. At 6.30 a.m. about twenty gathered in the Baptist church, where a refreshing prayer meeting was held. The forenoon session convened in the Medcalf St. Methodist church with the president, Mr. W. A. Holiday, Brooklin, in the chair. Rev. W. P. Fletcher read for Mr. W. W. McLean, the secretary of the Union, a very satisfactory report: Statistics have been received from 78 societies, 8 outside the county's limits, but formerly connected with our Union, and 70 within the county. Of the 70, 44 are Methodist, having a membership of 1,638, 997 active and 641 associate; 960 of these are members of the church, 109 having been added during the current year. Thirteen Presbyterian societies report 440 members, 266 active and 174 associate; 280 of these are church members, 19 having made a public profession during 1898. Six Baptist societies have 195 enrolled, 151 active and 44 associate; 152 are communicants, of whom 13 were added since the last report. The Episcopalians are represented by 1 society with 6 active church members, one of whom recently joined the ranks; the colleges by 113 members, 58 active and 51 associate, of whom 43 are professed Christians. Two Union societies have 46 members, 25 active and 21 associate, of whom 18 are communicants. Lastly, the Christian church has 2 societies with 66 enlisted, 59 active, 7 associate, 55 church members, 12 having joined in 1898. Summing up, we have 70 societies enrolled, of which 6 were organized since last report. These have an aggregate membership of 2,504, 1,559 active and 942 associate; 1,579, or 60 per cent. of these, are communicants, and 1,4