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ALL Christian Endeavorers and friends who attended the Brandon Convention are grateful that the suggestion was made that Rev. William Patterson be invited to visit the Province, and are thankful that the reverend gentleman made it convenient to accept. His presence was helpful, and his enthusiasm of such a character that left its impress upon the minds and hearts of many. He was intensely earnest, practical and spiritual. The success of the convention was largely due to his able addresses and genuine fellowship. An electro picture of Rev. Mr. Patterson is published herewith, and a brief biographical sketch follows. Being a native of Ireland, born in Maghera, Derry County, in 1858, he has all the wit characteristic of his countrymen, and this element of his character, combined with true Christian graces, makes him exceedingly popular with all people. After settling in Canada, he entered Knox College, where he devoted six years to the study of arts and theology, graduating in 1886, when he was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church. During his college course Rev. Mr. Patterson engaged zealously in mission work, two years of which were spent in Southwestern Manitoba. Immediately after his ordination he received a unanimous call to the pastorate of Cooke's Church, Toronto, beginning his work there with a church membership of about 100. In the seven years the increase in attendance and spiritual results have been almost unprecedented. There have been added to the membership roll 1,427 names, and, though having a church edifice with a seating capacity for over 1,000, it became necessary to erect a new and larger church, which was completed in 1892. His preaching is intensely earnest and spiritual, and scarcely a sermon is preached without known results. He preaches to win souls, and God gives him the desire of his heart. Rev. Mr. Patterson is distinguished by great originality, both in the composition and delivery of his sermons. These are interspersed with illustrations from everyday life, studded with Bible gems, delivered extempore and uttered with all the warmth and energy of a man who feels the power of the truth. His figures are always beautiful, chaste and becoming. Whole-souled earnestness is another characteristic of the man. He is a man of eminent piety and deep humility, and he lives in touch with God, drawing deeply out of the hidden reservoirs of His grace. And then, he preaches Christ crucified, and believes that His gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Our readers will join in praying that God may still more abundantly use him for His glory. Besides his pastoral work, Rev. Mr. Patterson is an earnest worker in the Christian Endeavor cause, and has attended three of the international conventions, being one of the trustees of the United Society.



DURING the Montreal International Convention a series of committee conferences were held, at which many valuable suggestions were given. Mrs. G. M. Coleman, of Somerville, Mass., presided over that in the interest of the Lookout Committee, and in her opening remarks she emphasized the work of this Committee as of prime importance in every society. To it was committed the spiritual interests of the members. They must watch for the souls of each individual member as they that must give an account to Christ from whose hand they had received the commission direct. Bible standards were high, but they must bring their standards of life and conduct up to them. And in Christ they had all power.

One great difficulty spoken of by more than one was the danger of over zeal for growth in members. Better, urged one pastor earnestly, a society of four consecrated members than one of one hundred and fifty with only four active. Do not make membership too easy was emphasized more than once.

In the numerous secret societies to be found no one was allowed to join who did not express a willingness to join and give a strong promise to abide by the laws of the society. In no society were the laws more binding than in this, and in none was required more grace mingled with the law. The question whether a delinquent member could be dropped to the associate list received from all sides a vigorous "No." One lady reported that in the society to which she belonged every member before admission was required to learn the pledge by heart, and on joining to repeat it from memory at his first consecration meeting. A lady from Chicago urged, "Do not drop a member at all. Plead, urge, pray for and with them until they renew their vows." Their society had never dropped a member yet.

The last point considered was the encouragement of the work of this committee. - One pastor rejoiced in the close contact with his young people, another had in them all his capacities doubled and quadrupled, and several found in it the "Sunday evening question" completely solved.

The reward of faithful work on this committee, as testified by the workers assembled, seems to be a larger knowledge of the objects of the society and increased capacity for more work.

SOCIABILITY in church life was commended at the convention. "We want more of it," was the comment of one of the speakers.

MINIMIZE the business to be brought before the general meetings of the society. Let the executive officers manage, as far as possible, the material affairs of the society.

"Do not let our consecration meetings run into a rut," was the apt advice of Rev. Mr. Patterson.

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The third annual Convention will be held in the city of Winnipeg, May 24 and 25, 1894.

THE Executive Committee of the Provincial Union of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor have decided on the publication of THE MANITOBA MESSENGER, as a monthly medium of communication between the individual societies, for the maintenance of interest, and encouragement of practical work "for Christ and the Church." The success of the venture will depend on the hearty co-operation of all members, and this is confidently relied on. All are interested in the enterprise, and everyone can help in the work.

Of course, funds will be needed, but a good return will be given for all contributions. An issue of 2,000 will be published every month, and many copies of the first few numbers will be gratuitously distributed, to introduce THE MESSENGER, but will only be sent regularly to subscribers. The subscription price has been placed at 25 cents a year, but for clubs of five or more, sent to one address, 20 cents a year each. Individual subscribers must pay in advance, but societies ordering any number to be forwarded every month can forward their subscription quarterly. Let the same enthusiasm as prevails in all Christian work be extended to the maintenance of this publication, and thus supported the Executive Committee will be encouraged, and the enterprise made a success. As the necessity arises, and prospects warrant, the size of THE MESSENGER will be enlarged and the quantity of reading matter doubled.

Arrangements are being made for special articles on Christian Endeavor work, written with a view to the requirements of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, and a series of biographical sketches of local workers are in preparation. Correspondents in all sections are invited to forward news of the individual societies and relate new lines of work adopted.

THE annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union, held in Indianapolis, commencing on July 13, was largely attended. Among the speakers were Revs. D. Grant, of Montreal, and R. R. McKay, of Brampton.

THE gathering of the Epworth League at Cleveland, on the eve of the Montreal Convention, drew together many earnest workers of the Methodist church, including several Canadians. The next meeting will be held in Nashville, Tenn., in 1895.

Second Provincial Convention.

THE second annual convention of the Provincial Union is now among the events of the past, though its influence will continue through the months of the future. It was a glorious gathering, with the true spirit of love pervading the great congregation, and sincere service to God in the hearts of all. There was enthusiasm, but not of a fanatical type, and fervor in the prayer and praise services. The thought of Christ was uppermost in the mind, and self was suppressed.

A considerable period having elapsed since the convention, and as the printed proceedings will soon be ready for distribution, only the very briefest reference will now be made to the gathering. The primary aim of such conventions, the organization and discipline of young people for Christian work, was ever kept in view, and the addresses, papers and discussions were inspiring, helpful, uplifting and ennobling. They were not merely calculated to arouse the emotions, but rather to draw out desires to be more earnest and practical in service.

Features of the convention were the prominence given the subject of missions and the great interest manifested in Junior Endeavor work. A resolution was passed that all the large societies should endeavor to support, through its denominational board, a missionary in some foreign or home field, and that all societies should appoint a missionary committee. During the "Pastors' Half-Hour" many comments were made that will encourage the members. Testimony was given as to the value of the society in general church work, as also in the development of young people in Christian character.

The Christian Endeavor movement has a three-fold mission—the winning of souls to the Saviour, the development of Christian character, and the cultivation of social qualities. These features were well sustained at Brandon. The devotional exercises were earnest, spiritual and enthusiastic; the addresses and papers were manly, full of love and of a character to give a nobler conception of life's work and duty, while the sessions and reception meetings were eminently calculated to draw out the better elements of the social nature.

We readily give expression to the universal recognition of the services of Revs. Wm. Patterson (Toronto), T. Hodgkinson (Winnipeg), W. G. Henderson (Winnipeg), P. Wright (Portage la Prairie), W. H. Fraser (Treherne), Dr. Duval (Winnipeg), H. C. Mason (Brandon) and J. M. Harrison (Winnipeg). Their addresses were interesting and counsel wise. The Brandon members were untiring in their entertainment of the visitors, and the whole-souled hospitality extended tended very much to the pleasure of those present.

Prayer-Meeting Topics.

August 6—"The blessedness of giving."—Acts xx, 35; Luke vi, 33—38.

August 13—"How much have we borne for Christ."—Acts xxi, 30—36; Philippians i, 29.

August 20—"Paul or Felix—Whose example will you follow?"—Acts xxiv, 22—27; I John ii, 15—17.

August 27—"Continual Witnessing."—Acts xxvi, 22; Psalms xxxiv, 1—4.

September 3—"How a Christian can make the best of things."—Acts xxvii, 33—36; Psalms v, 11—12.

September 10—"Lessons from Paul's life."—Acts xxviii, 30—31; I Corinthians ix, 16—27.

THE Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized for the salvation of souls and development of Christian character. See that we keep in line.

THE Question Drawer was a feature of the convention, and the answers of Rev. Mr. Patterson were helpful. All of the points touched in the queries were of general interest.

Better than Gold.

CHARLES MAORAY.

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed ;
 My grief a proud man heard :
 His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
 But not a kindly word.
 My sorrow past ; I paid him back
 The gold he gave to me,
 Then stood erect and spoke my thanks,
 And blest his charity.

I lay in want, in grief and pain ;
 A poor man passed my way ;
 He bound my head, he gave me bread,
 He watched me night and day.
 How shall I pay him back again
 For all he did to me ?
 Oh, gold is great, but greater far
 Is heavenly sympathy.

The Montreal Convention.

The Convention is over. The greatest evangelical conference of these later years, in point of numbers at least, has had yet another anniversary of its institution, and the Endeavorers have all gone home. The happy, laughing, singing, chattering train-loads and boat loads of young men and maidens, marked here and there by the more sedate presence of riper years, have returned whence they came, and "Montreal '93" is a thing of the past. But that is not the end, not even the beginning of the end. Enthusiasm has been kindled, impulse has been given, power has been developed, knowledge has been amplified, thousands of young hearts have been set beating a pulse quicker, as there has been opened up to them the glorious work and opportunities of the youth of these days. A new influence has been diffused throughout the length and breadth of the land ; an influence incalculable great for good, and for all that makes strong and noble our religious and social life. Whatever may be urged against mass meetings as a class, the convention in Montreal has proved by its impression upon the country, by its more lasting effect upon the hearts of its supporters, its claim to the adherency and advocacy of the Christian world at large.

It would be impossible, in even a lengthy discussion, to do justice to the wonderful variety and fulness of treatment which all matters pertaining to the well-being of Christian work received at the hands of the convention. And here it will be necessary to mention very briefly one or two only of the leading features of the meeting, such as mark it out from previous gatherings of the same nature, and give it a distinctive character.

It was very noticeable the much more prominent place junior work occupied in the discussions. This is an excellent feature. The fault of most of our religious work, outside the home, is that it does not begin soon enough. The Junior Endeavor is not on at all the same line as the Sabbath School, but fills a gap the latter, except in a very few cases, has never succeeded in filling. The Junior Society is properly *educative*. It induces Bible study more intelligently, the discussion of religious subjects more freely, and the avowal of religious sentiment more naturally than is possible when such work is left to a later period. We see with approval and thankfulness, then, the larger place such work is beginning to occupy.

Attention might be called to the missionary sentiment expressed. That such feeling is growing in the Christian Endeavor Society is only to be looked for, in view of the aim it sets before itself. It was to be hoped, however, that a more definite future for the society in this direction had been outlined. The addresses on missionary literature and missionary giving were excellent, inspiring. The Endeavorers of our province could not go wrong in adopting them *in toto*. But, though the genius of the Society is against anything like organization for such a work, independent of respective churches, it was certainly within the province of the Denominational Rallies to take some steps in such a direction. This was done in some cases, but with a certain indefiniteness that will, it is hoped, be remedied at a future convention.

Space, or the want of it, forbids further notice of the particular features. The address of the Rev. Sumantrao Vishnu Kar-marker on India was interesting and highly instructive. The presence of eminent speakers, the almost perfect management of the most minute details, the wonderful variety of subjects and discussions, all contributed to make the Convention a marked success. And no sooner has its sun set than we see indications of its rise again with even more power and splendor. May '94 equal ; may it even surpass, though that were difficult, "Montreal '93."

All in His Name.

THE local union of Rat Portage is arranging for a public meeting some time this month.

THE annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held at Detroit next month.

A NEW society of Christian Endeavor is being formed in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Douglas.

IN compliance with the resolution passed at the late Provincial Convention, all of the Winnipeg societies have appointed missionary committees.

A SERIES of district conferences, under the auspices of the provincial Y.M.C.A., have been held at various points during the past two months, and they have been helpful in association work.

MR. J. BALL, the first president of the Provincial Union, and who is now general secretary of the Calgary Y.M.C.A., has been fraternizing with numerous friends in Winnipeg for a few days.

THE executive of the Provincial Union will at once arrange for speakers for the Convention of 1894. It is likely that Secretary Baer, of the United Society, will be invited to visit Manitoba next spring.

REV. A. ANDREWS, of Minnedosa ; Mr. A. P. Campbell, of Portage la Prairie, and Mr. F. P. Lewis, of Birtle, will attend the world's convention of Sunday School workers at St. Louis, September 2 and 3.

IN selecting officers, consider the adaptability of the members, and place each in that official position or on such committee which will assure the best service. All cannot be leaders ; but every one can work.

MR. J. SMITH writes that all the societies in the Brandon Union are doing active work for the Master. The prayer-meetings are well attended, and the interest in and helpfulness of the same steadily increasing. The Methodist and Presbyterian Societies have adopted a regular weekly system of missionary giving. There are some points near Brandon where it is expected C. E. societies will soon be organized.

THE annual convention of the Manitoba Sunday School Association, held in Portage la Prairie the first week in July, was well attended, and the addresses and discussions were of a most helpful character. Mr. J. L. Hughes, inspector of public schools, Toronto, was the principal speaker, advocating that the true aim of all teaching should be the development of the child's mind to a consciousness of the divine.

THERE are now one hundred and five societies reported to Secretary Greig, fourteen of which are in the local union of Winnipeg. Since the late convention new societies have been formed in connection with Westminster Presbyterian and Maple Street Congregational Churches, Winnipeg ; a union society at Glencross, and an Epworth League of Christian Endeavor in the Methodist Church, Emerson.

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Baptist.—Oak Lake, Port Arthur, Brandon.

Congregational.—Central and Maple street Churches, Winnipeg; Brandon.

Disciple.—Portage la Prairie, Minnedosa.

Methodist.—Fort Rouge, Zion, McDougall, Young and Wesley churches, Winnipeg; Dominion City, Portage la Prairie, Assinboia, Petrel, Brandon, Souris, Virden, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Clanwilliam, Manitou, Baldur, Melita, Hartney, Boissevain, Napinka, Lander, Melgund, Ninga, Killarney, Cartwright, Crystal City, Morden, Rat Portage, Port Arthur, Norway House, Nelson House.

Presbyterian.—Knox, St. Andrews, North and Westminster churches, Winnipeg; Kildonan, Blythfield, Meadow Lea, Selkirk, Portage la Prairie, High Bluff, Carberry, Souris, Alexander, Brandon, Rounthwaite, Roseland, Virden, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Rapid City, Birtle, Carman, Glenboro, Melita, Boissevain, Lyonshall, Pilot Mound, Rat Portage, Port Arthur, Fort William.

Union.—Marquette, Stonewall, Gretna, Austin, Brandon Hills, Hillview, Deloraine, Holmfield, Killarney, Keewatin.

No designation.—Tyndall, High Bluff,

McGregor, Beresford, Millwood, Wood Bay, Norman.

Junior societies.—Congregational and Presbyterian churches, Brandon; Central and Knox churches, Winnipeg; Poplar Point, Manitou, Morden, Rat Portage.

C. E. in Southwestern Manitoba.

"The Christian Endeavor Society is taking a strong hold in Southwestern Manitoba," writes Mr. H. L. Montgomery. "It is just what was required to direct the latent energies of the young Christian into a profitable channel. There appears to be a doubt in the minds of some earnest and thoughtful Christians as to the stability of the Society in a purely country district; but our experience with country societies around Deloraine is, that they are not so much injured in attendance by summer sports and evening entertainments as the town society. Nevertheless our town society has been gaining in that direction, and we feel proud of their devotedness. Last night our town was treated to the circus which has been going through our province, and every one knows the sensation created in a country town by an occasion of this kind, yet the depreciation in numbers at our society was scarcely perceptible that same evening. Thanks be to the leaders of the Christian Endeavor movement for their outspoken sentiment on these subtle advances of the world to steal the peace of God from the Christian heart.

A word about our Indian mission. The efforts of the Indians are being abundantly rewarded this year in the magnificent turnout of their gardens so far, and apparently the products, potatoes, wheat and oats, are going to yield well. They have the land cultivated close to the woods, which seems to cool the scorching southern wind, and in the opinion of others invite the gentle showers and the heavier rain as no other portion of our province does, which is not blessed with the green verdure of the forest.

Our Missionary and Social Committees have united in arranging a Promenade Concert and Ice Cream Social in aid of our Indian Mission, to be held the evening of August 11th, which will be reported in the next issue of our Manitoba periodical."

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