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#### LEAGUE REPORT.

(Concluded.)

The proceedings of Thursday began with a quiet hour service, led by Rev. R. W. Ferguson. At its conclusion, after an intermission, of a few minutes, the regular business session opened with prayer by Bro. Wm. Morrish, Pres. A. D. Paul in the chair.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. The report of the Press Committee was read by the chairman, Miss Gertrude Hartley, and on motion of Rev. E. S. Parker, seconded by Rev. A. A. Rideout, was adopted.

Bro. Grant Dakin of the Grand Harbor Society invited League to meet with that Society next year. On motion of Rev. F. C. Hartley it was decided that we meet with this Society, in our next session, which will convene the first Tuesday in August, 1904.

Treasurer Lindsay presented a supplementary report, showing that \$39.31 had been received since the legal closing of the books on July 31st.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was then taken from the table and a spirited discussion followed on pertinent points contained therein. The question uppermost in every mind was the work to be undertaken for next year, but nothing final was reached at this juncture. The report read as follows:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The lamentable removal, in October last, of Rev. M. L. Gregg, at present pastor of the Houlton church, was followed by his resignation. At the request of the Executive, the present secretary consented to transact the usual business connected with the office during the remainder of the year.

All correspondence has been answered with dispatch; such literature as was available has been circulated; arrangements made for this annual session, and every effort put forth as far as opportunity offered to encourage the growth and usefulness of the societies in this province.

The Secretary regrets very much that he has been unable to visit personally many of the societies, but is glad to report that the President has been active and painstaking in his efforts to advance the interests of the League; under his direction two new societies have been organized during the year, one at Keswick, and the other at Olinville.

Three meetings of the Executive have

been held during the year. The usual grant of \$25 has been made to young men having the ministry in view, who were entitled to receive the same. We are sorry to report that owing to the fact that there has been no Home Missionary employed during the year by our General Conference Board, there has been no occasion for the expenditure of the money voted last year for the Home Mission purposes.

The report of the Committee on Statistics presents much more fully the condition of the societies as to membership and Christian benevolences, than this report can possibly do, for although all secretaries are requested to send reports to the Cor. Sect. of the League early, many of them fail to comply with this very natural and simple request.

As far as it is now known, societies exist in connection with the churches at St. John, West St. John, Woodstock, Fredericton, Marysville, Gibson, Knoxford, Grand Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Keswick, Olinville, Upper Dover, Bear Island, Jerusalem, Oak Point, Eagle Settlement.

Some few societies in existence last year, have, for various reasons, disbanded. This is much to be lamented. We sincerely hope that the pastors and older church workers will feel so deeply the loss of these societies that they may be reorganized, and on such a basis that their continued existence will be assured.

The growth, of the Christian Endeavor movement has been truly wonderful, and if it is true now, as in the days of Christ, that "by their fruits ye shall know them," then the movement must be acknowledged by all to be Divine. From one Society of fifty members, in one denomination in 1881, it has grown until now in 1903, it numbers 64,020 societies, in 80 different denominations, these societies having over 3,-822,300 members. Today there is no land in which the C. E. Society is a stranger, and there is said to be no language in which prayer and testimony are not made by Christian Endeavorers. During the past year 175,000 young people have been brought into fellowship of the Christian Church through the door of its Young People's Society.

The local branch of Young People's Societies in connection with our denomination was organized here in this church, ten years ago. During these ten years of our history we have, under Divine guidance, been able to accomplish something for "Christ and the church." Looking back along the way, we note with pleasure the measure of success attending our efforts, but at the same time we can but acknowledge the fact that many mistakes have been made,but what of these? The successes and failures of the past must be our stepping stones to higher things. We have not yet attained full growth. Oh no. To attain full growth would be to begin to die,-and to die, why surely that is not the will of God for us. We must grow and increase and extend our borders. Would that there might be such inspiration come to the young people assembled here, such an endowment of power, that we shall be fully resolved to make this year the record year of our history. To this end let us resolve:

First—To be individually more consecrated to God, and devoted to His cause. There is immense power and possibility in a thoroughly consecrated life. May all our lives be such this year.

Second—To endeavor to enlarge the membership and the activities of the local societies. The power of the C. E. Society is in its Active mebership. Is it not possible for this membership to be largely increased? Are all the young people of the church engaged in some form of Christian activity? If not, they should be, and the young people's organization exists in order to make that possible. Let us get the young people into our ranks, and then let us get them to work.

Third—To increase the number of local societies. The limit of the number of our societies ought to be the number of our churches. Every one of our churches would be the better of a C. E. Society. It is quite true that many of our churches are not in a condition to sustain a Young People's Society, but can we not help to make them so?

It will be well for us this year to turn our eyes homeward to study the needs of the home churches, and as much as we can strengthen the hands of the leaders of our beloved denomination, in their efforts to build up the waste places of Zion.

Literature is a most potent factor in any campaign. The suggestion is made that as much literature as possible be circulated during the year. It is also suggested that the officers of the League, especially the Vice-presidents, for the incoming year give more time to visiting the societies already existing, and to organizing new societies wherever possible. In the nominating of officers care should be taken to select those who would be able to devote some time to the work of the League.

There is a great work to be done. Let us do our part of it faithfully and well, and God will surely give us increase and blessing.

F. CLARKE HARTLEY,

Cor. Sect.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 4th, 1903.

The suggestion re the active measures to be taken to secure a Home Missionary for the year, which should be, at the same time, something of a General Secretary for the Young People's Societies, was fully discussed, and finally adopted, on the condition that the Executive of General Conference approved.

On motion of Rev. F. A. Currier, seconded by Miss Jane Robinson, it was decided to devote a sum not less than \$150 to the support of native workers in India this year.

Rev. S. J. Case was here called upon to report on behalf of the committee to interview Miss Hartley. He reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to confer with our missionary elect beg to report:

We have met Miss Hartley and received her resignation. This action, which both she and we regret exceedingly, is necessitated by the condition of her health, and other circumstances over which only the Almighty has control.

While her health is not so seriously impaired as to prevent the possibility of her further preparation in this country, her physician, by his written testimonial, certifies that there is no possibility of her ever enduring residence in a climate such as India's. Hence she feels that in fairness to the League, and in obedience to the Divine will, she must now withdraw from this, her cherished ambition.

2. Miss Hartley earnestly requests that the League permit her, if her health and strength are sufficiently spared, to enable her so to do, to return the money

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