

WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

CONVENTION OF ENDEAVORERS IS ENDED.

Last Session Led by Francis E. Clark—Oregon Society in Flourishing Condition.

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That the young people of the churches do not approve of new styles of choir singing, enjoyed by few, and understood by none, was manifest by the round of applause given Dr. Temple, of Seattle, when he ridiculed such singing, and the choir in the aristocratic church.

True religion, as exemplified in "personal service," has been the prevailing spirit of the two conventions—a religion that has its foundation in the heart and is lodged down to the lips so that it talks, jogged down to the heart so that it loves, jogged down to the pocketbook so that it gives, jogged down to the knees so that they pray, jogged down to the feet so that they walk. There is often more religion in walking than in talking, when there is work to do.

There were two incidents of the Sunday school convention which were subjects of no small amount of adverse comment. Rev. G. W. O'Connell, of Portland, in his address on "The Christian's Life," was charged with being a "temperance" man. His address was hardly more than a political harangue in support of prohibition, and if he made any allusion to temperance, it was only to notice it. Many zealous Christian people criticize the convention managers for permitting the imposition, for they say, they came to the convention to hear the speakers, not to hear a political harangue. The newspapers are puzzled by the rum element, and his insinuation that the papers will not publish any fact that may be in support of prohibition, is regarded as an intemperate use of language.

The other incident which cast an unpleasant feeling over the Sunday school convention, was the address of the woman who, in her own language, "laid aside her womanly modesty" long enough to discuss in a mixed audience questions relating to social purity. Her address would scarcely have been approved in a mothers' meeting, much less in a Sunday school convention composed mainly of young men and women.

There are several reasons for which the managers of the two conventions just closed are to be especially commended. Though the churches were usually crowded, it has been noticed that the speakers were well attended, a matter that is often neglected in Salem churches. Plenty of fresh air went far toward making all the meetings well-attended and keeping the audiences attentive and cheerful. The presiding officers are also commended for following the programmes to the letter. Every speaker began at the hour appointed, and no speaker was permitted to run on beyond his time.

Dr. Francis E. Clark, the father of the Christian Endeavor movement, was the center of attention at the Endeavor convention. There was more than one reference to his character and his utter forgetfulness of self, and the more so because it is evident that this is not the result of a studied effort. Throughout all his addresses there was no mention of the work he has done, no self-laudation, directly or indirectly. In his account of his trip around the world he made but one allusion to himself, and that in stating the purpose of his trip.

The total enrollment of delegates at the convention, coming from places outside of Salem, is 225. The attendance at all meetings was enough to fill the main auditorium and Sunday school room thrown into one room, which seats about 1900 persons. It was shown by the statistical part of the secretary's annual report that there has been a decrease of 30 in the number of Christian Endeavor societies which have gone out of existence in the last five or six years were carried on the list of the secretary, while new societies were being yearly added to the list. This year all the extinct societies were dropped from the roll, and only the new societies of one year were added. The correct statistics for the past year would show an increase, but in this condition of the Endeavor records no correct figures can be given.

Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the National Christian Endeavor Union, will leave Salem tomorrow morning for Seattle, where he will speak Monday evening. He will be at Vancouver, B. C., Tuesday evening, at Spokane Thursday, and Friday and Saturday will attend a state convention of the Christian Endeavor Union at Butte, Mont.

No convention meetings were held this forenoon, but all delegates attended services in their own churches. Endeavor Society meetings were conducted this afternoon at the reform school, Indian mission school and at Chemawa Indian school. Dr. Clark filled the Presbyterian pulpit this morning.

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"We are born blind," he said, "for a carnal nature is the only one that multiplies have received the first touch but want the second. This is a day when the church of God should be on guard against the intelligence of her faith. We believe in creation, of course, but we Presbyterians forget that creeds are by no means all. We boast of intelligence, but we should be wary lest our glory becomes our shame."

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The moderator sounded a note of warning regarding the public school system, he said, "that I should say an ill word against our public school system, the safeguard of our Nation, but is the educational machinery subsidiary to the primary purpose of training the citizen? Have we, being afraid of uniting church with state, gone so far as to disfigure God from the state? This is a most serious question. The fact of our sons and daughters being reared in the home of God in our country is involved. It is not an organized skepticism that threatens, but a God-forgotten secularism."

There were three popular meetings scheduled for this afternoon and this evening. The largest of these gatherings was at the Witherspoon building, where a meeting of the Women's Board of Home Missions was held. The Rev. Dr. Stuart George, D. D., presided.

The Rev. J. Milton Greene, D. D., now stationed in Havana, the former of San Juan, Porto Rico, where he organized Presbyterian missions, created a profound sensation by severely criticizing the alleged immoral conduct of United States soldiers in Porto Rico. Dr. Greene addressed the meeting on the conditions existing in that island. He said the conduct of the United States soldiers there was a disgrace to the nation, and that the lawlessness of the soldiers, he continued, is proverbial. He attacked the present system of military government, and said that the army work, and some one ought to appeal to the United States Government for a system by which the spiritual welfare of our soldiers could be better looked after.

Other speakers at this meeting were Rev. H. Marsha, D. D., of Point Barrow, Alaska, and Rev. James Hayes, New York, Indian missionary.

The grand question before the Presbyterian church for years—the revision of the confession of faith—will be taken up by the assembly Thursday. The hearing and the consideration of the report of the committee upon revision of the creedal statements of the church, appointed at St. Louis last year, was made a special order for that day and the matter will remain before the assembly until it is disposed of. At this time it is impossible to forecast the position of the elders.

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