

# CITY HOST TO STATE ENDEAVORERS

## PROGRAM OF CONVENTION DAYS ONE OF RICH TROT AND MUSIC

### Five Day Program of Addresses, Music And Entertainment for Visiting Delegates.

The Thirty-first convention of the Minnesota Christian Endeavor Union opened this evening with a powerful address by Dr. Ira Landrith of Boston, Extension Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. His message inaugurated a five day convention which promises to be a banner one. In the past the conventions have been of four days duration and the change to five days was made this year.

Hilmar Hoaglund, president of the Willmar Commercial Club, will welcome the delegates to the city. Responses will be made by leaders of the various Junior, Intermediate and Senior societies of the Union. A double quartette from the local church will render several numbers. Praise service by J. R. Batchelor.

and important business meeting of the Union will be held. Reports of committees, elections of officers and other matters will come up for action. At eleven o'clock the Handy-Lewis garage will be hosts on an auto trip to Green Lake for sight seeing purposes. The county scenic value is known throughout the state and this short tour will be a treat to the delegates. The Presbyterian Ladies society at Spicer will serve lunch in the park near the lake. In the afternoon recreation and games of various kinds will be enjoyed. J. R. Batchelor of Duluth, popular and experienced "Fun and Fellowship" director will be present. The autos will leave Green Lake at five o'clock arriving at Willmar in time for a banquet at six-thirty o'clock. This banquet will be served at the Masonic Temple.

**Thursday, June 23**  
In the evening at 7:30 the following program will be given: Praise service by J. R. Batchelor, Vocal Solo by Mrs. Sophus Larsen of Willmar, Address by Ernest Ligon of Texas; Address by Stanley B. Roberts of Minneapolis, male quartette selection and devotionals.

**Friday, June 24**  
At 10:20 a. m. Clarence Hamilton of Boston will speak to the delegates on the Christian Endeavor History. 10:05 a. m. is quiet hour conducted by Dr. Roberts. At 12 noon is the Junior and Junior superintendents banquet with Mr. Ligon toastmaster. At 3:30 p. m. Mr. Hamilton will speak on the future of the Christian Endeavor. On Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock the following program will be rendered: Praise service by Mr. Batchelor; Devotionals; Vocal solo, Mrs. Walter P. Hackett; "World vs News" football game, Mr. Hamilton; Offertory solo, Rev. McCullough.

Thursday and Friday will be given over to the conferences and meetings of the committees of the Union. Prayer meetings will also be conducted specially on these days. Margaret Bradt of St. Paul is the chairman of the prayer meetings. The following committees together with their chairmen will hold conferences: Lookout, George H. Quam of Minneapolis; Missionary, Irma Read of Minneapolis; Social, Irene Beatty of Duluth; Intermediate, Ethel H. Boxell of St. Paul; Junior, Edna M. Fellows of Worthington; A general conference will then be held led by C. C. Hamilton of Boston.

**Saturday, June 25**  
On Saturday morning the regular

## C. E. MOVEMENT IN 80 DENOMINATIONS

### Synoptical Outline of This Great and Influential Christian Organization

The Christian Endeavor movement originated in a young people's society organized by the Rev. Frances E. Clark, pastor of the Williston Congregational church in Portland, Maine. Its first membership consisted of about fifty boys and girls who met Feb. 2, 1881, in the pastor's parlor and pledged themselves to attend and take some part in a weekly prayer meeting and once a month to hold a consecration meeting. Other duties, social, religious, literary, and of various kinds, were assigned to different members. The idea met with instant acceptance. In 1813 there were 75,063 societies of which 53,417 were in the United States and Canada and 21,646 in other lands. The total membership was about 3,753,000. More than 100,000 societies under different names with over 5,000,000 members are organized on the program of the Christian Endeavor. These scattered organizations are bound together by a corporation, the United Society of Christian Endeavor, organized in 1885, with headquarters in Boston and managed by a board of trustees. The organ of the society is the Christian Endeavor World. In 1895 the World's Christian Endeavor Union was formed. The Endeavor movement is now in existence in more than eighty denominations. It has therefore become interdenominational as well as international.

## JUNIOR ENDEAVORERS HOLD SESSIONS

### Children Will Meet Together on Convention Days in Swed. Mission Church

The Junior Endeavorers will hold their convention separate from the Senior and Intermediate. Their meetings will be held in the new Swedish Mission church. They open their convention Wednesday evening with an appropriate prayer service. On Thursday morning the first program will be rendered beginning at nine o'clock. The superintendents conference will be held beginning at 9:35 a. m. On Thursday afternoon will be a conference of Junior committees and also a superintendents conference. The important meeting Friday morning is that of the Missionary committee when interesting matters will be discussed. Junior banquet at noon. On Friday afternoon another program of talks will be given by delegates. Another superintendents conference will be held during the afternoon when talks will be made.

Saturday morning beginning at 10:30 there will be further conferences after which the autos will take the delegates to Green Lake. On Sunday the Junior will associate and attend the Senior and Intermediate convention program and services. The Junior Society was founded on the knowledge that Christian service



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Willmar, Minn.

## CONVENTION MOTTO

"We Are Here To Grow  
To Know  
To Go"

## CONVENTION THEME

"Study To Show Thy-  
self Approved  
Unto God"

taught to children bears even far greater fruit than that which the Sunday school is able to realize. The first Junior Society was organized about the year 1884 by Rev. J. W. Cowan at Tabor, Iowa, altho there is some contention that Rev. Savage of Berkeley, California, and Mrs. Slocum of Iowa were the original founders. It is true that at the founding of the Christian Endeavor movement at the Williston Congregational church at Portland, Maine, a society named the Mispah Circle was active and which served as a forerunner of the later Junior Societies.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF STATE C. E. UNION

### First Convention Held in Minnesota in 1887. 1908 Confer- ence in Willmar

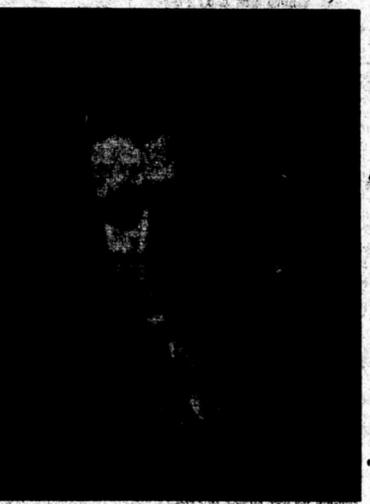
The following is a brief sketch of the history of the Minnesota Christian Endeavor Union.

In the early summer of 1887 the first convention was held and the Rev. J. B. Donaldson was elected President but before the summer of 1888, the President had left the State evidently or in any event he was not present at the 1888 Convention which was held in the House of Hope Presbyterian church, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the records of the first convention were not available. Some of those in attendance at the 1888 convention were as follows: Emily Huntington Miller, Rev. D. D. McLaurin, Rev. F. O. Holman, Rev. D. J. Burill, D. D. The program was much the same as in present time with Address of Welcome, response, Papers on "The Lookout Committee," "Sunday School Committee," "Prayer Meeting Pledge," an address on "Society and the Church," and greetings were sent to the Rev. Francis E. Clark at that time in London. 121 societies were reported.

### First Convention

In 1889 a convention was held in Minneapolis at Hennepin Avenue M. E. church. The First Vice President was John Willis Baer, during which year he was elected as General Secretary of the United Society. Miss Frances A. Elmer "one of the most consecrated Christian school teachers that Minnesota has known." The secretary and treasurer was Mr. J. L. Keough; Harry A. Kinports, afterward President of the New York state Christian Endeavor Union. Under these leaders Christian Endeavor flourished and at the next convention in Rochester in 1889 the estimated number of endeavorers in Minnesota was well in the thousands.

Immediately previous to the Rochester Convention Minnesota asked for and received the promise of the International Convention for Minneapolis in 1891 and the influence of this great convention spread through the state so that in October 1891 at Mankato occurred the largest state convention so far in the records of the state with 700 registered delegates and it was estimated that from 100 to 200 others came for part of the convention and did not register.



Rev. J. R. McCullough  
Local Pastor

Rev. McCullough was born in Minneapolis in 1893. Here he spent his youth and graduated from the high schools of the city. In 1915 he graduated from the University of Minnesota. He entered the McCormick Seminary and graduated from that institution in 1918. He was ordained on June 11, 1918, by the Minneapolis Presbytery. His first charge was at Broomfield, Minnesota, which he held until December 1919 when he accepted the call to the Willmar congregation. He succeeded Rev. William Bryn Jones who is now pastor at a church at Rochester, Minnesota.

The next summer many of the endeavorers attended the International Convention in New York City after which in the fall the state convention was held in St. Cloud. A total of 645 societies including Juniors were reported and a year later the secretary reported 815 societies.

In 1898 the Endeavorers went to New Ulm for convention.

- 1894 Winona.
- 1895 Duluth.
- 1896 Minneapolis.
- 1897 Owatonna.
- 1898 New Ulm.
- 1899 St. Cloud.
- 1900 Albert Lea.
- 1901 Alexandria.
- 1902 St. Paul. At this convention it was decided that the conventions should be held biennially so that the next convention was held in 1904 at Duluth.
- 1906 St. Peter.
- 1908 Willmar. It was decided at this time that a Field Secretary be hired, the same being Walter D. Howell now so well known to Endeavorers. At the Willmar convention George M. Brack was re-elected as Treasurer and Miss Mildred Haggard, Junior Superintendent.

After this convention a decided awakening was felt and everything moved on the up grade. Mankato 1910. In 1914 the convention convened at Hastings; and the following year there was no convention but a Minnesota Endeavor Dinner was enjoyed by the

## 31ST STATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION IN WILLMAR JUNE 22-23

### City Is Honored By Grand Conferences Here of Hundreds of Young Men And Women of Our State.

The State Endeavorers are here! On the evening of Wednesday, June twenty-second, the trumpet meeting was held ushering in the thirty-first Christian Endeavor Convention in the history of Minnesota and the second convention of this influential organization held in the City of Willmar.

The 18th convention was held in our city in the year 1908 and was a banner congress of young people. The 31st convention promises to contend for similar honors.

This, the first day of the convention, has witnessed the arrival of large delegations of young people from all parts of the state. Our city is privileged and honored to act as hosts and entertainers to this splendid body of young men and women. The convention days number from June 22 to 26th with the closing service on Sunday evening. Enthusiasm and zeal for church work is an element always found at C. E. conventions. The public, the people of Willmar and vicinity, are invited to join with the local Presbyterian church, its pastor and societies in this great annual conference. Nationally known speakers and active leaders in the state will address the gatherings. Music by a large convention choir led by the likable J. R. Batchelor of Duluth is a worthy feature. Dr. Ira Landrith of Boston, Extension Secretary, United Society Christian Endeavor, Daniel A. Poling, Associate President, United Society Christian Endeavor, and Clarence C. Hamilton, Field Manager of the Christian Endeavor World are the characters of national reputation who will appear on the programs.

The speakers from our own state who will deliver messages are C. B. Whittier, state president, George H. Quam, state treasurer, Margaret M. Brack, state field secretary, Ethel H. Boxell, state intermediate superintendent, Edna M. Fellows, state Junior superintendent, "Newy-Nat," Editor Minnesota Endeavor News, Minnie E. Blackney, Duluth District Junior Superintendent and many others.

This is the second time that the city of Willmar has been privileged to entertain and act as hosts to a state Christian Endeavor Union convention. The state convention held from July 16 to 19th in the year 1908 was a stirring series of meetings. Enthusiasm ran high. This met occurred during the stay of Rev. H. C. Buehl, now pastor at Long Beach, California. The slogan of the convention was "Not unto ourselves." Willmar was chosen above Minneapolis and St. Peter at that time. That convention was the 19th meeting of the state Union.

The main divisions of the Christian Endeavor Union are found in the three age limited societies. The Junior Endeavor is open to all below the age of 14 years, the Intermediate to those between the ages of 14 and 18 years and the Senior is open to all above the age of 19 years. The Junior society customarily holds its convention separate from the Senior and Intermediate.

### "It's Willmar"

On March 20th last, on Easter Sunday, a committee of the state Union met in Willmar. This committee was composed of the following men: Harry Owen, Frank P. Vroman and Wm. D. Timperley, all of Minneapolis. It was decided that since Northfield, which had originally secured the convention was unable to entertain it this year on the dates set due to a chautauqua planned for that week a shift must be made and Willmar was selected due to its central location and excellent facilities for such a convention.

The Minnesota Endeavor News, the state publication of the Union, has well advertised Willmar and Kandiyohi county.

**Officers**  
The present officers of the Union are: President, C. B. Whittier of St. Paul; Vice President, N. Clinton Smith of St. Paul; Secretary, Anna L. Hastings of Hastings; Field Secretary, Margaret M. Bradt of St. Paul, and Treasurer, George H. Quam of Minneapolis.

Within the state organization are found the following departments: Citizenship, Christian Endeavor League, Field Work, Intermediate, Interdenominational, Junior, Life Work, Nominations, Missionary, Publication, Quiet Hour and Transportation. Each department has a superintendent in charge.

The Union comprises sixteen districts: Anoka, Central, Duluth, Fort

bault, Fergus Falls, Mankato, Minnetonka, Northwood, Shaws River, St. Paul, Shakopee, Tracy, Willmar, Wadena and Laxson. Each of these districts has a director in the Union. Wm. N. Blackmun of Hancock is the Willmar District director.

**Hospitality**  
The following Willmar citizens have opened wide their homes to the delegates and assisted in making meals to the visitors: Kenneth John Ender, Swan Anderson, C. A. Nelson, W. F. Kelly, C. A. Hanson, A. Falkenberg, Jacob Wilson, F. C. Watkins, George H. Osterman, W. H. Williams, James Sanderson, P. C. Peterson, C. L. Johnson, W. J. Ruddy, J. A. Curran, J. A. Bodum, John Williams, C. A. Oberg, E. M. Johnson, A. Bakke, A. F. Hanscom, A. A. Cairne, Martin Dahle, Andrew Ostrom, G. A. Medin, P. A. Olin, Albert Nordstrom, Hans Gardard, J. C. Jacobs, William Krane, G. M. Robbins, Carl Lind, F. Swank, M. V. Wicksfeld, F. J. Lopez, Ed Anderson, E. W. Soderlund, Robert Osterman, Ackerson, A. G. Erickson, John Englund, O. E. Bangston, C. F. Baker, Anna Johnson, O. J. Westgaard, F. Bigham, J. P. Carlson, S. B. Carlson, G. J. Beaudette, J. W. Erickson, C. T. Skoglund, D. W. McLaughlin, J. W. Johnson, E. C. Freuhling, Charles Nelson, H. V. Wright, C. M. Gardhammer, Ole Land, A. Benson, A. E. Braithwaite, Sorum, M. Hanson, A. G. Danielson, C. G. Eckwall, I. T. Crandall, and the Misses Clara Jacobson, Stella Haines, Stella Noren, Ethel Smith, Ida Moberg, J. Therpe, Julia Heese, Mr. J. A. Martin, Mesdames C. F. Foreman, Charles Eastman, O. D. Strvin, Ludvig Ekstrom, O. O. Nordstrom, Thomas Nelson, P. C. Meyers, G. J. Bjornberg, Rude, B. W. Stanford, H. N. Hanson, Charles Johnson, L. H. Wetherby, John Sandin, William O. Johnson, Wiggdahl, L. H. Roemer, Herbert Wadell, W. P. Holberg, H. E. Stevens, E. Ohberg, G. A. Erickson, M. Nees, W. J. Sperry, C. F. Samuelson, Miss Johnson, Mesdames Drunilla Baldwin, E. G. McDonald, H. S. Peterson, Sundin, August Carlson, Gust Mattson, Charles Roden, Ethel Smith, B. J. Greenfield, E. Elmsness, Hilda Almstedt, A. Mickelson, E. C. Hoyt, J. R. Clough, August Johnson, Albert Landquist, C. B. Carlson, O. E. Johnston, Aug. Nelson, Anton Reed, Arthur Sjoberg, Martin Moberg, Alfred Gusterson, C. J. Goff, Gust Knutsen, R. W. Baker, Ernest Peterson, Fred Peterson, C. R. C. Baker, J. W. Ladd, B. E. Norby, A. A. Lohse, Peter P. B. Hong, D. A. Peterson, Hilda Johnson, S. P. Severinsen, Miss J. Martin, John Nelson, Axel Bjorklund, O. H. Johnson, E. T. Hanson, O. H. Nordstrom, Oscar Westquist, Eustach Bjornberg, J. W. Nixon, Ahris Sjofelt, Daning, Rosterdahl, Erlendson and K. Samuelsen.

**Convention Committee**  
To serve as hosts and be entertaining to a delegate body of three hundred or more is a large task and the following local church committees are their much for its efforts in the cause of the convention. General Chairman, Rev. J. R. McCullough; Secretary, Amy Hanscom; Treasurer, Harold Wetherby; Hospitality and Reception, Eleanor DeLahun; Registration, Winifred Sherwood; Ushering, F. H. Peterson; Decorating, H. B. Handy; Music, Lillie B. Noren; Junior, Barbara Williams; Publicity, Quentin McDonald; Banquet, Ed Sanderson; Finance, George H. Osterman.

The officers of the Christian Endeavor Society in the local congregation are: President, Harold Wetherby, Vice President, Charles Wallin, Secretary, Frances Leslie, and Treasurer, Quentin McDonald.

**Music**  
J. R. Batchelor of Duluth, for the third consecutive time will be in charge of the music at the C. E. Convention. At Alexandria last year Mr. Batchelor made his usually strong impression and his popularity increases wherever he comes in contact with people. In convention singing he is a master. The statement "If you never sing before you'll die" with Batchelor is surely true. He will lead the large Convention Chorus of fifty voices. This Chorus will be representative of the societies in the Union.

The Sixth World's Convention of the Christian Endeavor will be held in New York City from July 9 to 11. This is the first world convention since pre-war times.

The Convention Club at the city has donated one hundred dollars to the aid of the convention in defraying its many expenses. Mr. Spenser has contracted his services in painting work.

A banner will be presented by the convention to the city for the state that has the highest number of its membership members and has traveled the longest distance to the convention.

## WELCOME

The people of Willmar extend to the Christian Endeavorers attending the Convention in our city a hearty welcome.

May your visit here be greatly enjoyed.

- Minnesota delegates attending the International Convention at Chicago.
- There was also a business meeting in the Fourth Presbyterian church of Chicago:
- 1916 St. Cloud.
  - 1917 five conventions were held throughout the state: Faribault, Worthington, Anoka, and two other towns. During this time the Union was very active along the lines of prohibition and Sabbath observance and many many endeavorers went into the service of their country during the World War.
  - 1918 Mankato.
  - 1919 Duluth.
  - 1920 Alexandria.