

MONTREAL EPWORTH LEAGUE UNION.

The Montreal Epworth League Union held their Annual Rally in Douglas Street Church on October 19th. All the societies of the two Districts were represented, and the hall was crowded with the young people of Montreal. Methodist Rev. S. W. G. Henderson, of Valleyfield gave an inspiring address, and Rev. S. Laddiman, head of All People's Mission, reached the heart

tended to uplift the young people of our land. With such a President as he is the writer of this letter, things must move. We wish we could count upon many more such aggressive men on our League ranks.

We are glad to learn from Rev. Dr. McLean that two months ago the young people of the First, Paul's Methodist, Church, Montreal, began taking among themselves a course of study, and the outcome is the League, which had died several years ago. At the organization meeting, twenty joined. The programme has been so interesting and the services so profitable that the membership has doubled, and many of the older people in the congregation have caught the enthusiasm of the young folk, participate in the meetings to the encouragement of all, and thereby add some inspiration in real work for God, and man. We wish the President, Mr. Norman Miller, all success as he leads them on to victory.

From Finsal, we received the following which may be suggestive.—Our Literary Committee arranged for an evening with Canadian Literature. After the service had conducted the devotional exercises, a good programme was provided. An essay on the Poetical Works of Dr. Drummond was given, and a few of his poems read. Another gave a synopsis of Rev. R. E. Knowles' "Web of Time." A ladies Quartette rendered acceptably "On Canada." A reading of one of the Chapters of Black Rock, by Ralph Connor, was another item, and also a reading from one of Robt. W. Service's latest poems.

The President of the League at Murray Harbor, P. E. I., reports progress. He says, "We are getting along wonderfully at our League. The presence of the Lord has been with us, and we are glad to see the young men unite with us, and taking an active part. Last Consecration Service we took in three active members each to take the place of others who have moved to new localities. We wish them continued success and blessing."

Referring to the work of the League in Central Church, Calgary, the Literary Vice-President, Mr. Lambert, writes of some interesting meetings they have had. "A Query Evening." "Five Celebrated Johns." "One Ephraim, taken from 'Practical' having been painted on a strip of cardboard and kept constantly before the League." "Give the whole man for Christ." "Body-Spirit Intellect." "The use of a similar nature have been used effectively." "Be enthusiastic—Always and everywhere." "Fellowship and Fellowship Meetings" are held in the Young Men's Club Rooms, after the Sunday evening service. An Era agent has been appointed, and we are sure Mr. Melville Smith will help increase the circulation of this paper, in his Church and League.

Rev. J. A. Doyle reports a very fine Epworth League Rally for Alberta Conference at Calgary just prior to the Sunday School Convention for the Province. The motto "Always for Christ" was the note struck, and "Individuality" was especially emphasized. He says that "a spirit of consecration to definite service marked each session. In order to complete the Conference organization, a new constitution, prepared by W. Dalglish, N. A. Swift Current, was appointed vice-president in charge of the Department of Citizenship. The official Convention was held last year, so no other elections were held.

The Denominational Rally in connection with the Alberta Provincial S. A. Association was attended by upwards of 163 Methodists, thus demonstrating the fact that our workers are doing

their share in sowing the seed of the Kingdom in the West. A good amount of the time was given to the teaching problem which is full of practical instruction in the Western Conference. At Moose Jaw, on November 10th, another splendid Methodist Rally was held in connection with the Provincial S. A. Convention for Saskatchewan. Some 125 delegates were present, and a number of excellent addresses and papers were given. Our Western Secretary writes in most encouraging terms of the outlook for our Sunday School and Young People's work. At the same time Mr. Farewell is busy in connection with the holding of a succession of Institutes that are doing a great deal to develop a higher degree of efficiency in the schools and Young People's Societies.

OUR PRIZE PICTURES.

Our October number contained a lot of snapshot pictures taken by the Editor. None of our readers have sent in perfect lists. The best two were received from D. K. Hamilton, Listowel, and Miss Ida McLean, Gesto, Ont. Both of these identified all but two of the persons whose pictures appeared in the paper. The prizes offered by Dr. Briggs have been duly forwarded to each person.

One of my boys had skipped his classes, and I thought I would give him a lesson. I took his mother, been found out, and caused a bit of a row. I took him aside, and we had a heart-to-heart talk. Johnny sat still, but he was more intently, and seemed to be deeply impressed. I thought I was making great headway, and that my little sermon was surely penetrating Johnny's brain. But you can never tell. Just as I had reached the climax in my appeal to his better self, a light of discovery broke over Johnny. "Say, teacher," he said eagerly, "it's your lower jaw that moves, ain't it?"

In a little school-house in the north of Scotland, the school-master keeps his boys grinding steadily at their desks, but gives them permission to nibble from their lunch-boxes sometimes as they work.

One day while the master was instructing a class in the rule of three, he noticed that one of his pupils was paying more attention to a small tart than to his lesson.

"Tom Bain," said his master, "listen to the lesson, will ye?"
"I'm listening, sir," said the boy.
"Listening are ye?" exclaimed the master.
"Then yer listening w' one ear an' eatin' pie w' the other."

God never loved me in so sweet a way
"Tis he alone who can such blessings send;
And when his love would new expression
He brought thee to me, and he said,
"Behold—a friend."

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NOTES.

A new League has been recently organized at Nanotick, with a membership of twenty-two, which meets on Friday evenings. It is open to all the young people of the town, and hopes to materially increase in membership.

Rev. J. F. Ireland reports the organization of a Junior League at the Baddow Appointment on Cobocook Mission, stating that each of the members is greatly interested in the work, and the outlook is very promising for a prosperous League. He further says "We find the Epworth Era a great help. In fact we could not very well do without it."

In the new School-room recently added to the church, at Ridgeway, the young people of the League, had a splendid evening, on Oct. 24th, to which they invited the young people of the Societies, located at Stevenston, Sherston, and Garrison Road, as well as those of the village. The visiting Societies gave the programme, consisting of papers, speeches, recitations and music, after which the local League served refreshment.

Rev. Geo. Walker has already organized an Epworth League on one of his appointments, on the Brampton East Circuit, and has another in view. Active Pastors mean busy and useful young people.

D. A. McE. writes—"Your plain yet just statements made recent issues of our paper have not escaped my notice, and I for one do feel that the Era has not been given its rightful prominence in our Leagues, and ought to be brought more forcibly before our members. We have appointed an agent for the Epworth Era whose name no doubt has been forwarded to you. Personally I shall do all in my power to advance the Era's interest and will be very much disappointed if my names are not included in the future list, and keep myself excluded from the ranks branded by your well-deserved, red hot yet brotherly spirited, pen. I trust and wish that all the Presidents unite to make our General Secretary know that he has their co-operation in all that is in-

Christmas

At Christmas, O he thou tender, true;
Thy friends make glad, and all thy foes forgive;
With thy sweet light begin thy work to do,
Ungrudging give, and giving, much receive.

Make thy glad life grow large, thy soul expand;
Let there be one full day within the year,
When love shall open wide thy waiting hand,
To lessen want and dry some brother's tear.

Give wisely, freely of thy bounty give,
And, most of all, do not forget, *give love*,
Since giving is the truest way to live,
And richest treasure laying up above.

Make glad thy home; let sunshine reign within,
Bless every hearthstone with thy largess fair;
Bless every hearthstone with thy largess fair;
By kindness save some brother from despair.

Be saviours, O my brothers, every one;
Let the true Christ in your own soul be born;
Thus thou canst be God's well-loved son,
And make each dawn a joyous Christmas morn.

—Selected.

Close up the volume (1910) well; a new one (1911) will soon be opened and begun.