

tide, it rushes over the rocks between massive walls with tremendous velocity and power, forming "rapids" quite equal to those of the Niagara River. I had been informed that when the tide comes in, the waters of the river were driven back through the narrow channel, and then the "falls" flowed in the opposite direction with about the same force. To behold this unique sight I visited the bridge several times, but always found the water flowing the same way, out to the sea, until I began to doubt the reports that had come to me. During my last trip, however, it was my good fortune to see the current going up stream, and the "falls" were actually rushing in the opposite direction. It is possible for

A SUGGESTIVE CONTRAST.

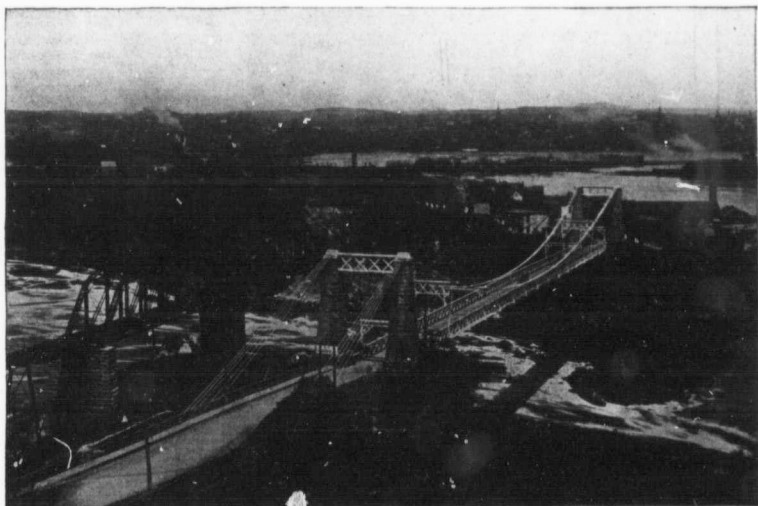
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HAVING been connected with League work for some years, and associated with different leagues, I have had some little opportunity of observing the workings of different societies. Let me briefly draw attention to some of these methods and leave it for you to say which are wise and which are not.

We will consider two societies of about equal strength in numbers, and with much the same advantages in other respects, located in the same district, calling one "H" and the other "L."

ment, and that the League is given due prominence as a church society. The treasurer, having been alive to his work, has enabled the society (1) to raise a good sum for missions (through the Missionary Committee); (2) to repair and repaint the church; (3) to raise a good sum for the ordinary church purposes, and chiefly (4) to introduce systematic giving among the League members, the Active paying ten cents a month, and the Associate five cents. By his energy he has put the society in first class shape financially, so that the cry of "no money" is a thing of the past.

But League "L" presents a very different condition. The president is a woman, who knows little or nothing of



THE FALLS AND BRIDGES, ST. JOHN, N.B.

vessels to pass through when the waters are level, which occurs four times in twenty-four hours, about ten or fifteen minutes at each time.

St. John is a beautiful city of about 50,000 population, built upon several hills. Its principal attraction to the tourist is the fact that there is no sweltering heat in summer. The daily average temperature between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. is between sixty-five and seventy degrees, and the nights are always cool. Occasionally, however, fogs envelop the city, and are somewhat unpleasant while they last. A walk among the St. John wharves is most interesting. At one hour there will be seen a line of ships floating in the water, but the next time you saunter that way they will probably be lying helplessly in the mud, with the tide out. A large number of "tramp" steamers come into the harbor, especially during the winter, and there is considerable commerce with the old country.

The membership of each is perhaps 25 Active and 10 Associate.

League "H" has for president a man fully acquainted with League history and work, who has already been vice-president of each department, and knows exactly what should be done by each. He very seldom leads a meeting, but constantly calls upon his members for the services they can and should render. He sees that thorough preparation is made for each and every meeting, and never allows a meeting to "drag." By constant "nagging" at his vice-presidents, he succeeds in getting each department thoroughly organized, and at each business meeting a full report is given of its work. "No report" is not accepted. New plans, if judicious, are always welcomed and given a fair trial. He is assisted by a secretary as thoroughly efficient as himself, having followed him through the different departments, but who directs his chief attention to the business methods of the society, sees that proper records are kept in every depart-

ment, and that the League is given due prominence as a church society. The treasurer, having been alive to his work, has never seen the inside of an Epworth League Manual. She seldom prepares for a meeting before entering the League room, and always leads the meeting herself. Reports are almost unknown at the business meeting, and new plans are frowned upon as sinful things, the Executive not being called together to consider their usefulness or no. In fact, there probably has not been a proper meeting of the Executive Committee during the past three months. The secretary believes that all he has to do is "read the minutes" at each service and nothing more, except, perhaps, count the collection on consecration night. The treasurer takes charge of the collection, and pays it out as he sees fit, whether or not he has the order from the president and secretary to do so. To collect and properly record the monthly fees is apparently beyond his powers, although at this very moment there is a motion on