

E for "endeavor;" A for "activity;" G for "gauging;" U for "uniformity;" E for "evangelization;" R for "responsibility."

Rev. W. J. Ford, L.L.B., of London, gave a pithy address on "The League in Relation to Amusements." He stated that there was a difference between amusement and recreation: recreation was to make over again, amusement means without thought, without art, a careless occupation that kills time. By these two words he placed "diversion." This meant the turning aside from one thing to another. The diversions of young people ought to be recreative rather than amusing—they should be like wine that enliven—take up this work with renewed vigor. It does not pay to kill time or dull ones faculties.

The question is whether the League should provide diversions of any kind. Certainly, if it does, it should be nothing but a recreative diversion.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

Rev. A. C. Crews conducted a "Round Table," which was participated in by many of the delegates. One of the questions asked by the leader was, "Name one good thing that your League has done during the past year." The replies came thick and fast. The following are some of the testimonies:

"Our League has raised \$150 toward the building of a new church."

"We have subscribed \$1000 to the Forward Movement for Missions."

"Our League has won twenty young men to the Church through interesting them in social work."

A pastor stated that a revival, which brought into the Church over 80 persons, had been brought about largely through the earnest work of the young people.

Another League was helping in evangelistic services every Sunday evening.

Another had taken up the study of the Church Catechism.

Helping the poor, and holding services with the "shut in," was the report of two societies.

THE NORTH-WEST.

Rev. G. H. Long gave an address on "Missionary Work in the North-West," in which he referred in glowing terms to the wonderful possibilities of that great country. He believed that our Church had been well repaid for every dollar of missionary money that had been expended in the Manitoba and North-West Conference.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Rev. H. Graham spoke on "The Forward Movement for Missions." He thought that one of the great benefits had been, that it had brought the missionary on the field into close sympathy with the young people at home. He said that in order to make the movement permanent several things should be attended to:

1. Great care should be taken in selecting the campaigners. Only the best qualified men should be sent out.

2. Great care should be observed in choosing district officers.

3. The method of organization in the League is very important. Pledges should not be made without a thorough canvass of the members.

4. One or more faithful treasurers should be appointed in every society, who will frequently remind the members that their dues should be paid.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Resolution Committee presented a report which recommended the Reading Course and urged its general adoption, praised the CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA, and expressed the hope that its circulation might be greatly extended. Regret was expressed that there

was not a larger attendance of ministers at the Convention, and that so many Leagues were not represented by delegates.

Thanks were extended to the Leagues and Pastors of Stratford for their kindly welcome, and excellent arrangements.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Rev. G. H. Cobblestick, B.D., Bothwell.

1st Vice—Pres. Mrs. T. E. Harrison, Granton.

2nd " " A. T. Cooper, Clinton.

3rd " " W. Jeffrey, London.

4th " " Rev. R. J. Garbutt, Gorrie.

5th " " Miss Norton, Orwell.

Secretary—Rev. A. K. Birks, B.A., Stratford.

Treasurer—Miss Friend, London.

Representative on Gen. Board—Rev. E. N. Baker, Stratford.

CLOSING SESSION.

There was a good audience at the closing meeting on Wednesday evening. Rev. John Morrison took the place of Rev. Dr. Smith on the programme, and delivered an address on "Equipment and Service." As elements in equipment, he mentioned private prayer and faithful study of the Bible. God has saved every Christian for service. As a working agency in saving souls, he believed in the Epworth League, which was no longer an experiment. It is liable to change its methods, but its purpose remains the same. If change there must be, let it be from the kite-string to the life-line, from the fire-cracker to the mauler rifle.

Rev. Dr. Carman gave the last address, dwelling principally on "National Sin." In speaking of the South African war, he said that there were several things which might be learned from the conflict:

1. We ought to be careful in our use of words. Much trouble might have been avoided if years ago the old-fashioned British word, "sovereignty," had been used instead of "suzerainty."

2. We learn not to spend too much time dilly-dallying with the enemy while he is preparing for conflict.

3. We should not let the enemy fortify himself in our hills. Sometimes the devil and his hosts entrench themselves in the Church of God.

When Rev. E. N. Baker, at the close, said that the convention was one of the best he had ever attended, he expressed the general feeling of the delegates.

NOTES.

The Stratford papers, the *Herald* and the *Beacon* gave excellent reports of the meetings.

Mr. W. S. Dingman and his excellent choir rendered very fine music which was much appreciated.

The regulation which abolished the ticketing system probably prevented the attendance from being as large as at former gatherings.

There is a decided Shakespearian flavor about Stratford. The different wards of the city are named Shakespeare, Avon, Falstaff, Romeo, and Hamlet.

President Jeffrey made an excellent presiding officer. When he spoke, everybody heard him, and the programme was not permitted to lag at any time.

The discussions were unusually profitable, and interesting. Not only the ministers but many young laymen and ladies took part freely, and very little time was lost.

The young people of the Stratford Leagues deserve great credit for the preparations made for the Convention. The decorations were particularly tasteful and beautiful.

One speaker when called upon said that

he had carefully prepared his address, and intended to read it, but unfortunately had left the manuscript in his valise. One of the delegates shouted "Thank the Lord."

The value of a denominational Convention was illustrated in the practical and helpful discussions on the Class Meeting, the Reading Course, the Forward Movement for Missions, and other departments of work which are peculiar to Methodism, and which could not be considered in a union gathering.

Toronto Conference Convention.

AT TORONTO.

The Toronto Convention, which assembled in Euclid Avenue Church, February 20th, was more largely attended than any of the four Conference League gatherings recently held. One hundred and forty-eight delegates from points outside of the city signed the register, together with fifty-two members of city Leagues, making a total registration of two hundred. Quite a number, however, attended the meetings who did not register, so that there was a fine attendance at the afternoon sessions, and the evening audiences crowded the church. A number of unusually good papers and addresses were given, and the interest was well sustained from first to last.

THE OPENING SESSION.

The Toronto Conference, February 20th, when appropriate addresses of welcome were delivered by Messrs. G. H. Wood and H. T. Smith.

The President, Mr. James Simpson, made a short address, in which he described the very remarkable development of the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions, which, he said, in the course of its two years' progress had won many wonderful victories. The movement was inaugurated at the convention held at Brampton, and was already an important feature of the League. He also congratulated the League upon the great success of the CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA, the official organ of the League.

Rev. Dr. Potts addressed the young people upon the subject of the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund. He said that the fund to-day was over \$600,000, although only four months had elapsed since subscriptions were asked. He predicted the accomplishment of the financial task, and also a great spiritual awakening, which, he said, would be the result of the agitation caused by the fund. Dr. Potts referred to several letters containing contributions, which he had received from settlers in Newfoundland, and Indians in the North-west Territories, and which, he said, touched his heart more than the offerings of the Metropolitan or the Sherbourne Street Churches.

The proceedings of the second day commenced with a devotional service at nine o'clock.

THE CLASS MEETING.

was discussed by Mr. F. Dair, a successful and enthusiastic class leader of McCall Street Church. He said that the class was an institution of the Church which could not be neglected without loss. Unfortunately, some who are looked upon as leading members do not attend, and even speak disparagingly of it.

The success of the class depends very much upon the leader, who should be an enthusiastic and consecrated worker. The speaker urged the young people to be loyal to the class.

THE CONSECRATION SERVICE.

The second paper was given by Miss Laura Sargent, of Barrie, and was entitled, "The Consecration Service, and How to Make the Most of It." While the other departments of the League were essential to well rounded