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Epworth League.

"I desire to form a League, offensive and defensive, with every soldier of Christ Jesus."—JOHN WESLEY.

The growing intelligence and religious needs of the young people of the Methodist Church in Canada have created the necessity for an organization for the promotion of personal piety, intellectual culture, and practical Christian work. It has for some time been evident that it is necessary to supply a connecting link betwixt our Sabbath-schools and our Church; to make our Sabbath-schools feel they are a part of the Church, and the Church, in turn, to realize this vital connection; to lead forth our young people into a larger intelligence and practical work, and give them opportunity for increased mutual acquaintance, Biblical knowledge, and better direction of spiritual power in exercises and employment at home and in conventions and wide organization for the entire field. With these things in view, the General Conference appointed a Committee, named below, "to provide a course for Home Reading and Culture, and this Committee and the General Conference Sunday-school Board, in co-operation, have adopted the system known as the "EPWORTH LEAGUE," a power among the youth of American Methodism, adapted it to our purposes, and now commend it heartily to our people, hoping it may be accepted universally throughout our Connexion. This organization is so flexible as to be adapted to almost any conditions, and so comprehensive that it may embrace in some of its departments any or all of the Young People's Societies now existing in our Church, and combine them in a higher unity and harmony.

*The following Committee was appointed by the General Conference:—

A. CARMAN, D.D.,
J. A. WILLIAMS, D.D., } *General Supts.*

Revs. John Potts, D.D.; E. A. Stafford, D.D.,
LL.D.; Hugh Johnston, D.D.; B. F. Austin,

B.D.; Alex. Burns, D.D., LL.D.; L. C. Peake, Esq.; R. Brown, Esq.; J. B. Boustead, Esq.; and Revs. A. M. Phillips, M.A.; Prof. Shaw, LL.D.; S. Card; Dr. Burwash, S.F.D.; George Bishop, Esq., *Advisory Members.*

W. H. WITHROW, *Secretary.*

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE IN TORONTO.

A numerously attended meeting in the interest of this new movement was held in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, on October 29. Almost every Methodist church and Sabbath-school in the city was represented. Addresses were given by the Revs. Dr. Withrow and Johnston on the aims and objects and methods of the League, and short addresses, heartily endorsing it, were made by Revs. A. Phillips, M.A., W. S. Blackstock, and by Messrs. Boustead, Awde, Score, Pearson, Paul, Jenkinson, Willmott, Sandham, Peake, Crabb, Massey, Watkins and others. Steps were taken to bring about the speedy organization of branches of the League in as many as possible of the schools and churches of the city. It is long since so much enthusiasm was manifested in any subject of the kind, and arrangements were made for public mass meetings for its promotion. The Rev. Dr. Potts and other ministers not able to be present heartily endorse the project.

A vigorous branch of the Epworth League, numbering 60 members, has been formed in Trinity Church (Rev. Dr. Johnston's), Toronto.

BE careful not to get into a corner. We mean, do not adopt any plans or make any promises which you may not be able to carry out. And by all means avoid threats. If punishment must come, let it come. If it be necessary to state the laws of the school, or class, or of right in general, state them, but make no threatenings. The surest way to convince the class that you mean to carry out any proposed measure is to carry it out.