

## The Epworth League Treasurer

**MISS NELLIE BOYNES**, of Toronto, prepared a splendid paper for the Convention on this practical subject, and thus characterized the League Treasurer:

"He is intelligent and fully cognizant of the work of the society for which funds are required. As to whether members as a rule consider this office an easy one to

may result in an entirely different way with others. Time and space will not permit the enumeration of methods or systems that might be adopted, but suffice it to say that the ideal treasurer possessing this qualification, will study his society, and he alone can invent methods best suited in accomplishing the work in his particular League.

### HE IS TACTFUL.

"During the first part of the writer's experience as missionary, vice-president and treasurer in one of our Toronto districts, a certain local League, which for years had stood at the head of the list, and gave the district officers no thought or worry, but rather served as an example to other societies, came to a point in its history when at the close of the first quarter, on enquiry being made as to the payment of their money, and as to the amount which might be expected that year, the astounding answer was made: 'We have nothing in the treasury yet, no promises taken, and we do not know what will be the result. The outlook is very dark, our new treasurer has not even commenced work.' What was the trouble? During the years of their prosperity and success the office of treasurer had been occupied by a young lady who was well known to all the members and adherents of the League, who studied

we have had good meetings and if the members like to give, all right, if not, and they wait for me to ask for money, it will never be done, I refuse to beg for money.' Now, please note, this same young lady had served very efficiently on the literary department and also in the Junior League, but as to her fitness for the office of treasurer, the above will answer the question. On another occasion, the writer was approached by some members of a League and told that if anything was expected of them, the present treasurer must be removed, as so little tact was being displayed that all the good work of previous years was being upset. And now, just one instance of what a tactful treasurer can do. In one of our societies a treasurer was put in last year and the finances had drifted down to a low ebb, but with this tactful young treasurer the year closed with a better result than ever in its history, and within three years after reorganization in May last she (being reappointed) had canvassed the whole membership, and is already in receipt of promises totalling more than even last year. Tact is most necessary in a treasurer.

### HE IS ZEALOUS.

"We would add to the above qualifications, zeal and patience. If we are to inspire others to give, we must ourselves be inspired and full of zeal, continuously and unceasingly, and to this add patience. There will come a time in the experience of every treasurer, no matter how ardently he works, when he will be tempted to become impatient and disheartened. Let such remember that success climbs the highest and remains the firmest where opposing forces are apparent. It is no easy task (no task at all, we contend), to merely start out well, for the glory and the crowning time alone comes to the one who patiently continues, amidst all odds, to pursue his work.

"The office of treasurer, as last on the list of officers, is very properly placed there. Through the agency of the other departments officers are prepared for individual Christian living in all its various branches, spiritual, missionary, literary, social, the training of the juniors, and the keeping of records. But let us stop there and erase the department of finance, and what a selfish, helpless and useless society we have. The Epworth League, through the agency of its treasurer, should endeavor to get in all money available and use it as a means to advance the Kingdom of Christ both at home and abroad.



REV. H. C. STUNTZ, D.D.,  
New York.

This little picture shows the eloquent Secretary of Foreign Missions of the E. Church taking a brief respite from the claims of the Convention. Dr. Stuntz delivered some soul-stirring missionary addresses and is evidently one of the most popular and effective speakers of American Methodism.

fill, may be gathered from such an answer as the following: 'Oh, to accept that office would mean I have to deal with money, and of all duties in the League most distasteful to me, it is that of treasurer.' Why should there be a shrinking from duty when money is to be dealt with in church work? We have not yet risen above that too long standing idea that we are begging when we make an appeal for money to carry on the work of our Master. The ideal treasurer, who is to successfully cope with such objections, must be intelligent and fully understand the situation. He must have risen above that erroneous idea about "begging," and be able to answer many questions regarding the finances of the League. Our experience leads us to say that our young people are very generous if matters are laid before them in an intelligent manner.

### HE IS SYSTEMATIC.

The day of spasmodic giving is past. All successful organizations now have some particular system for carrying out their plans, and it is found that true success only results where there is system. Here the ideal treasurer will study his field and adopt the system he believes will best bring about the end desired. Systematic giving takes precedence to spasmodic giving because it continuously keeps before the eyes of all Leaguers the object of their support. While the old plan embraced the larger contributors, the systematic weekly or monthly plan enlists all small contributors—then all may rejoice in the one grand total at the end of the year.

### HE IS INVENTIVE.

The same system which may work admirably in one League, or with some members,



REV. R. D. HAMILTON,  
Listowel.

No member of the good London Conference could more honorably represent Canadian Methodism than this handsome man. We caught him on a wayside platform when out for a few minutes' stroll. After his Convention address, Dr. Du Bose said, "If we had him, we would make him a bishop." But we have him, and shall keep him.

them and knew the best way to approach each, had a plan, and kept in close touch with all. She displayed such tact that one member, in speaking of her, said: "She could get money wherever she turned amongst our people. You could not refuse her. You could not remain long in arrears while she was with us. But this new treasurer never even speaks of the matter, has placed no plans before us, and now it is left to the close of the year, we do not know how we will come out." How did they come out, you will want to know. Some of the long standing members on being urged by the district officers to step in and do something, put forth their best efforts at the eleventh hour, and even then the result was just about half their previous contribution. The treasurer was again spoken to and her reply was: "Well



REV. K. J. BEATON AND MISS C. G.  
WALLACE.

On board the "Princess Victoria," bound for Canadian territory after enlightening the Convention and the great problems of Missions and Juniors. No wonder they look so happy. They both did well, and rightly congratulated each other.