

"Sunday School is the church's recruiting ground."

- Rev. W. R. Hughes conducted a Round Table Conference and Question Drawer:—
- How can we get a supply of teachers?
 - Normal teachers' training class.
 - Teachers' meetings.
 - Make the responsibility of Sunday School work felt.
 - How can we increase interest in League?
 - Live up to pledge.
 - Personal work.



THE KINSALE LOAD AT MYRTLE CONVENTION.

- Use Social and Literary Departments more.

Be more careful in admitting members. Make it an occasion of serious thought.

Rev. Wm. Somerville, in his address on "Our responsibility to Christ, the Church, and the World," said:

- "Teachers must get confidence of their scholars."
 "The League must learn how to work."
 "The greatest thing on God's earth is the church. The greatest enemy of the church is sin in the world."
 "The greatest reforming power in the world is the power of Jesus Christ."

The officers-elect, are as follows: President, Mr. W. Y. Young, Cypress River; Vice-Presidents, (1) Mrs. (Dr.) McLachlin, Carman; (2) Dr. McLachlin, Carman; (3) Mr. H. W. Baragar, Elm Creek; (4) Mrs. Graham, Holland; (5) Mrs. W. Ayr, Stockton; Sec. Treas. Miss Ella Somerville, Cypress River; Conf. Treas., Rev. Dr. W. R. Hughes, Treherne.

PALMERSTON DISTRICT.

The Epworth League Convention was held in the Methodist Church, Palmerston, on November 16 and 17, 1910. The retiring President, Rev. A. D. Robb, and the Secretary, Miss S. A. Bateman, deserve special mention for their untiring efforts in district work, and also in presenting such a varied and excellent programme for the convention. Rev. A. Robb's address on "Some Things the Epworth League Should Accomplish," was both masterly and timely. The evening address and Round Table Conference, given by Rev. R. D. Hamilton, of Listowel, added much to the success of the convention, imparting to it both enthusiasm and instruction. At the consecration service the delegates pledged themselves to more devoted service in evangelistic and missionary lines of work. The officers elected for the ensuing year, are as follows: President, Rev. R. E. Kallton, Drayton; Vice-Presidents, (1) Norman Cousins, Palmerston; (2) George W. White, Goldstone; (3) Dillman Trask, Alma; (4) Rev. A. R. Cragg, Harriston; (5) Miss Susie A. Bateman, Harriston; Sec., Miss Carrie Irvine, Drayton; Treas., Miss Klemmer, Clifford; Conf. Rep., Rev. A. D. Robb, Harriston.

BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

The sixteenth annual Epworth League Convention was held in the Tabernacle Church, Belleville, November 15th. Encouraging reports were received from the eighteen Leagues in the District, six new Leagues having been organized during the year, the result of a special campaign of the district officers. There were four speakers during the afternoon session. Miss Florence spoke of the Summer School; Miss S. M. Whitworth gave an instructive

address on Junior League work; Miss Guest and Mr. H. Pringle each discussed the subject of the new "Citizenship Department"; the evening session featuring addresses were given by Rev. L. S. Wight on "Evangelism in Epworth League Work," and by Rev. G. S. Murray, a native Japanese preacher. Among the resolutions passed by the Convention was the following: "That each circuit aim at sending out at least one worker each year, either as a missionary, minister, deaconess or city worker." The newly elected officers are: President, Miss L. Rush, Canifiton; Vice-Presidents, (1) Miss Ida Martin, (2) Miss Ethel Adams; (3) Miss Alice Bell, (4) Geo. F. Stewart, (5) Miss M. M. Whitworth; Sec. Treas., Mr. J. A. Marsh, Belleville.

WHITBY DISTRICT.

The Annual Convention of Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools was held at Myrtle Station on Thursday, December 8th. Although the weather was rough and cold, the sessions were well attended. From the Greenwood League a load of 17 came, and from Kinsale, (Greenwood), came another of 15. There were 15 men in these two loads, which fact alone should be sufficient proof that the Epworth League is not in all places an infant society. Mr. Tucker, the pastor of Greenwood Circuit, set a splendid example to his sisters on country circuits in the very evident hold he has on the men of his congregation. Little wonder he was elected President of the District League.

Three sessions were held, morning, afternoon and evening. At all these the presence of the District Chairman, Rev. H. M. Manning, did much to assist the proceedings. The morning business session was presided over by Mr. S. Farmer, the retiring president. At the afternoon session, with Rev. R. McCulloch presiding, a compact and practical programme was presented in excellent order. Rev. R. A. Delve, District Sunday School Secretary, gave a splendid summary of the work of the school and was followed by the General Secretary, who gave some points that should be prominent in any school that is seeking to approximate the ideal. He showed that the school should be in operation the whole community, be a school in practice as well as in name, provide for the varied needs of all its members in relation to the church and life, and develop a truly connexional spirit. These were amplified in turn and a fitting application to Mr. Delve's analysis of the district work. Rev. J. W. Totten gave an address on "How to build up an Epworth League." It will be reported by the Editor in our next issue. An Epworth League Round Table Conference was conducted by the General Secretary and many matters of interest to members were freely discussed by the members present.

Tea was served by the ladies in the school room, and an enjoyable 8 o'clock hour was spent during the recess between sessions.

The evening meeting was presided over by Rev. R. H. Leitch, and was very profitable. After a temperance talk by Mr. S. P. Hall, the General Secretary gave an address, which was followed by the President-elect, whose address will appear in the Citizenship Department of this paper in a subsequent issue.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Pres., Rev. S. T. Tucker; Greenwood: Vice-Presidents (1) Miss Gertrude Whitby; (2) Mrs. F. L. Green, Greenwood; (3) Miss Edna Davis; (4) A. Green, Greenwood; Smart, Sec. Treas.; Scagoo; Sec. Treas., Miss Annie Rodd, Kinsale; Rep. Conf., S. Farmer, Port Perry.

Here is another sample of District work actually done by the District Sunday

School Secretary. This extract is from a letter sent by Rev. A. H. Brown, Secretary of Chatham District, London Conference. He says:

"Our E.L. and S.S. Convention was held at Ikenheim, and was a great success. Previous to this I wrote to the various S.S. superintendents about the Convention, organized classes, temperance, conversions, and kindred matters. Nine institutes have been held with a goodly measure of success. We employed district teachers which kept the expenses low, created interest, trained the workers, and stimulated S.S. efforts. The following were taken up: (1) Teacher Training, (2) Junior League Work, (3) Young People and Missions, (4) Temperance, (5) Revival, (6) Personal Evangelism. Each subject was handled in an able manner. We combined our work with the Temperance Secretary of the district and invoked the aid of the S.S. and E.L. Convention so as to make the institutes more like a district matter."

NOTES.

The Epworth League of the Wesley Memorial Church, Moncton, N.B., entertained the Leaguers from Central Church in November. A very enjoyable time was spent together.

A Junior League has been recently organized in Selby, with a membership of twenty. The Secretary, Miss Jennie Russell, writes, "We expect to have more members, and are going to try and make our League a success."

If any Sunday School has any number of books in good or fair condition to spare, and would like to make a present of them to some needy school, the Editor of this paper will be glad to give the name and address to which such a gift might be sent. Several worthy places can be immediately found.

A President writes: "I am exceedingly sorry that the Era is neglected by so many of our Societies. I used to take it myself, but neglected renewing my subscription. However, I have forwarded same, and will receive the paper in due time. We cannot afford to be without it, as it is a constant help in our work."

The President of Divine Street Epworth League, Sarnia, writes among other things, "The success of a League is measured by the soul in it, and I believe the 'soul' of a League is the Spirit of God that is in it. The attainment of success after this kind is a problem to be taken up every day in the year. What do you think?"

A very successful missionary evening was held in the Victoria Epworth League at Powles Corner, on November 20th. The whole League, under the able leadership of the missionary Vice-President, Miss Clara Powles, prepared and presented a very interesting cantata, "The World of Christ," after which refreshments were served and a enjoyable time spent in social intercourse.

A small fee was taken at the door, and the proceeds go to swell the Forward Movement Fund.

THE GREENWOOD CONTINGENT AT MYRTLE CONVENTION.

A good suggestion comes from the President of Woodham League. Here is the paragraph: "I think that the greatest difficulty with Epworth League work at the present time is that each society lives too much within itself. We should use our secretaries more and keep out of ruts." There is a whole lot of good sense in this extract. How is it in your League?