

trial of the Church Paper Scheme by the Young People's Society wherever no other organization of the church has taken it up. Even though it may not be printed yet, it does a world of good to all who hear it read out, and many times more to those who have a hand in preparing it. Of course we had some other good thing this evening—refreshments, for example. At the conclusion of the literary programme the audience were courteously requested by a committee of gentlemen to kindly arise from their seats a few moments while the staves were placed in circular groups. The committee worked quickly, and in a short while the whole crowd was busily talking in groups. Then the gentlemen members of the League served coffee, and the young ladies passed around with many dainty jellies and cake. At this stage of the evening all seemed happy, and many a stranger became introduced to his neighbor and felt at home. The Reception Committee, which had been busy all evening, now sought to get the names of all the people present, and this was done by persuading them to sign the register. In order that we would know of the addresses and whereabouts of those especially who were boarders these were asked to mark "B" after their signatures.

There were many of our Leaguers who took a very active part in the preparation of this event, but the greater part of the thought in planning it was done by Mrs. Prescott, the Pastor's wife, who is the Social Vice-President. Mr. H. M. Hunt, the Editor-in-Chief of the journal, too, is worthy of mention, as it was through him that such a result was realized. Mr. Hunt is our Literary Vice-President. The President, Miss Argue, was always is, "right to the front," superintending and encouraging enthusiasm.

A Good Man Gone

The Epworth League has lost a true friend in the death of Mr. C. P. Holton, of Belleville, who was one of the first officers of the Bay of Quinte Conference League. He always manifested the deepest interest in our young people's work, and never shied any responsibility that might be laid upon him. The Sunday School of Bridge St. Church, Belleville, will feel Mr. Holton's death very keenly, as he was one of its most valued teachers. On the Sunday of his death he visited the jail and spoke to the prisoners in the morning, then attended public worship and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon he taught his Bible-class, and in the evening went to a mission church, where he conducted an evangelistic service. Before the meeting closed he was stricken, and died that night. Mr. Holton realized and exemplified, as few men did, the fact that the Christian life meant service.

A Large Circuit

J. M. Fawcett, of Anburndale, Alta., sends some interesting information concerning his work. He says: "Our Circuit is a large one, being eighty-five miles around it, with six appointments, and the service once every three weeks. At the Plaxton Appointment we have a reading circle which meets every Wednesday evening, and we study the books of the Epworth League Reading Course, which are excellent. We have had several fine Christmas services which the young folks enjoyed very much. At Maughan Appointment, the schoolers have the children a Christmas treat, spending about \$20.

Just a Line or Two

A new League has been organized at the Maxwell Appointment on the Maxwell Circuit, at which the District President assisted. The pastor, Rev. A. P. Stanley, reports "good progress."

A new League has been formed at Orwell, on the St. Thomas District, with 44 members. Rev. H. D. Moyer, of St. Thomas, recently gave an impressive address to the new officers on their duties.

Instead of having the time-honored Christmas Tree the Sunday-school at Jordan Station, brought offerings to the poor to the value of \$75.00, which were sent to the Deaconess Home, Toronto.

At Flesherton Local Option is in force, and the temperance people have put up a fine hotel which shall be free from the sale of liquor. The Epworth League of the town has taken stock in the hotel to the extent of \$150.

The Executive of the Wingham District League have sent out to all their Leagues a leaflet containing a personal message from each District officer, calling special attention to the work of the various departments. A fine idea!

Before leaving Cargill for Peru, Iowa, the members of the Epworth League of which he was President, presented Mr. H. P. Grinyer with a well-filled purse and an appreciative address. A farewell meeting was also held at Elmwood. Mr. H. Willoughby of Elmwood, has been appointed to take Mr. Grinyer's place.

Mr. H. P. Grinyer, of Cargill, for the past two years President of the Walkerton District League, has gone to Iowa to take charge of a church at Peru. Mr. Grinyer will be greatly missed by the Walkerton District, as he was exceedingly devoted to the work, faithful, painstaking, and willing. The Era wishes him great success in his new field.

Palmerston District

The thirteenth annual convention of the Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools of the Palmerston District, was held in the Methodist Church, Drayton, Nov. 12th and 13th.

The convention opened in the afternoon with a goodly number of delegates in attendance, and although there were no outside speakers, those of the district handled their parts well. Among other items of the afternoon session was a carefully prepared illustrated blackboard lecture on the "Period of the Judges," by Rev. A. C. Eddy, B.A., B.D. Another very helpful feature of the programme was the report given by Miss Beck, of Harriston, delegate to the Missionary Summer School, held at Southampton, in the adjoining district. This report being necessarily lengthy, was read at two different periods in the session, and though given at second hand it was full of inspiration throughout, being literally freighted with spiritual food.

The church was well filled at the evening session, and after the president-elect took the chair, a programme of some length followed. Some subjects of addresses were: "Church Loyalty," by Rev. Walter Wright, of Palmerston, and "The Church the Child's Home," by Rev. T. J. Atkins, Harriston. This was a very interesting talk, full of beautiful thoughts calculated to stimulate interest in the child's environment.

Among other features of the closing session on the morning of the 13th was

the sunrise prayer-meeting, and a question drawer, conducted by Rev. G. W. Down, B.A., B.D.

The report of the Nominating Committee showed a complete change of officers, which are as follows:—Hon. President—Rev. T. J. Atkins, Harriston.

President—Rev. G. W. Down, B.A., B.D., Glenallen.

1st Vice—Miss Hawkins, Alma.

2nd Vice—Mrs. Jos Goodwin, Palmerston.

3rd Vice—Mrs. R. M. Hazelwood, Clifford.

4th Vice—Miss Minn Bateman, Harriston.

5th Vice—Rev. Geo. E. Honey, B.A., B.D., Drayton.

Secretary—Wm. Harrison, Sturton.

Treasurer—Mr. Knechtel, Palmerston.

District Representative to Annual Conference—Rev. W. R. Archer, B.A., Moorefield.

Peterborough District

The Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools of the Peterborough District met in Convention in the Methodist Church, Lakeside, Dec. 2nd, 1907. The Leagues of the District were well represented and the reports were very encouraging, showing marked improvement, especially in the Missionary Department.

An interesting paper on "Literary Work in the League," was read by Mr. J. S. Parker of Fairview League. Two very successful Round Table Conferences were also conducted, namely, "The needs of the Sunday-school," by Mr. R. W. Clarke, Millbrook, and "The work of the Epworth League," by Rev. Dr. Metzler.

The convention, which was one of the most successful in the history of the district, was fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. S. T. Bartlett, who gave two practical addresses on "Epworth League Ideals," and "The promotion of Bible Study."

At the evening session the church was filled to its utmost capacity, and besides Mr. Bartlett, the speakers were the Rev. H. W. Manning, of Charlotte St. Church, Peterboro, who spoke on "The League as an Evangelistic Factor," and Rev. E. A. Pearson, of George St., Peterboro, who took for his subject "Church Loyalty." Good music was provided by the Lakeside choir.

The following officers were elected: President—Mr. J. Tidall, Peterboro.

1st Vice—Mrs. George, Peterboro.

2nd Vice—Mrs. E. D. Lewis, Peterboro.

3rd Vice—Miss Shirm, Lakeside.

4th Vice—Prof. McCann, Peterboro.

5th Vice—Mrs. Bravender, Lakeside.

Secretary—Rev. G. E. Cook, Peterboro.

Treasurer—Mr. Smith Kelly, Bridge-

mouth.

Conference Representative—Rev. Dr. Metzler.

St. Thomas District

The St. Thomas District Summer School will be held at Port Burwell, August 10-15. Mr. Robt. Alway, President, is pushing arrangements, and Evangelist Russell has already been secured to direct the bible study. Rev. Kenneth Beaton to conduct mission study work, and Mr. Grey, the singing evangelist of New York, is expected to take charge of the music. Arrangements are also being made to have a steamer run regularly between Port Stanley and Port Burwell during the school week, which will add much to the convenience of the western part of the district.