

The Literary and Social work of the Epworth League was discussed by Mr. Inghall, the Junior League by Miss Sadie Whitmorton, who led in a helpful conversation. The work of the Bridge St. Junior Leaguers giving a pretty demonstration of work in the seven departments of Junior League. The Missionary Department by Rev. Wm. Higges, Rev. S. T. Tucker conducting a conference on our great missionary problem. The Social Department by Jones, Janetville, and Mr. T. Terrell, Fenelon Falls; the Citizenship Department by Rev. A. H. Anderson, Haslemere; the Literary Department by Miss Emily Guest, Belleville; Rev. Mr. Howard, Cambridge, leading in discussion.

Inspiring and helpful addresses were given by Rev. J. W. Graham, Toronto; Rev. C. T. Stratford; Rev. J. E. Howles, West Field Secretary for Maritime Provinces; Rev. S. T. Bartlett, General Secretary, Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues; Rev. R. Buchanan, Alberta Conference; and Rev. R. A. Whittam, Orono.

Moving picture missionary exhibition of scenes in China was given by Rev. Dr. F. C. Stephenson and Rev. N. E. Howles, West Chisna. A demonstration of the sign language was given by the students of the Provincial and Dumb Institute, who were gathered with the Chataqua salute.

Others taking part in the Convention were: Rev. W. H. Wickett, Shannonville; Rev. N. D. Cooke, Sidney; Rev. A. R. Sanderson, Belleville; Rev. A. H. Foster, Colborne; Rev. W. F. Rogers, Trenton; Rev. Mr. W. H. W. McTavish, Judge Deroche, Belleville; Rev. Dr. Lakor, Fort Hope, and others. Music was rendered by Albert College Male Quartette, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Dingman, Mr. Wightmeyer, Mr. Ridley, Miss Twissiger, Miss Riggs and others.

A resolution of thanks to all who had assisted in making our Convention such a great success, and to our hosts and hostess, was moved by Rev. L. S. Wight, seconded by Rev. S. T. Tucker, and unanimously carried.

The closing conservation service was ably conducted by Rev. W. G. Clarke, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference. The consecration of each Leaguer was made more personal by Mr. Clarke's request that first all Epworth League Presidents, then Vice-Presidents, would rise and finally all who were in any way connected with the League consecrated their lives to service for Christ and the Church, signing that consecration hymn, "Make My Life." This was followed by three days' sessions spent in study of our problems, best methods of carrying on the work, prayer and praise.

A large part of the success was due to the efforts of esteemed President, Rev. L. S. Wight, who labored long and faithfully in arranging for the excellent Convention just closed.

The officers elected are as follows: President, Mr. Wm. Ketchum, Brighton; 1st Vice-President, Miss Florence H. Wickett; 2nd Vice-President, Rev. A. H. Foster, Colborne; 3rd Vice-President, Miss Idell Rogers, Colborne; 4th Vice-President, Rev. Wm. Higges, Tyrone; 5th Vice-President, Miss Sadie Whitmorton, Belleville; Secretary, Rev. S. T. Tucker, B.A., B.D., Trenton; Treasurer, Miss G. Young, Bowmanville.

The following resolution was heartily carried by the Convention: "That the Bay of Quinte Conference Epworth League, in session convened, do express our appreciation of the appointment of the Department of Citizenship in connection with the Epworth League of our Church, recognizing its possibilities as proved already when put in operation, do heartily recommend that every minister and every League officer on his return home take steps to make known the advantages of this department to the League, Church and community and thus seek to avail themselves of the exceptional blessing the department affords for good citizenship to develop."

The following letter explains itself, and is one of a number similar in character which have come to hand recently regarding the work of our Department and its splendid staff of Field Secretaries.

Nils, March 1st, 1912.

Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Toronto, Ont.  
Dear Bro.—I feel constrained to drop a line to you telling you how much delight and inspiration afforded us by the recent visit of Bro. Curtis. I don't wonder now that you said he was a first class man in every respect. The people here are unanimous in their appreciation of his visit and with I had also the additional pleasure of private conversations during his two days' stay. Would that we had many more men like him! And now that I am hearing the end of my fourth year on this circuit, I want also to express my appreciation of the attention and the generous and efficient help afforded us by your Department during the past three years. Two visits from Bro. Curtis have made me from Bro. Curtis have made our annual circuit conventions both profitable and delightful. Personally I feel I cannot express all that association with these men has meant in enlarging my vision and increasing my interest in the Sunday School. I stand ready to do all I can for the Department, and wish you increasing success. With regards,  
I am, yours sincerely,  
W. CONWAY.

### League in Personal Training

Not a few letters have been received recently voicing, in some way or other, a complaint that the League is not giving the young people of our Church sufficient opportunity to become proficient in public speech. Protests have been received from several places against the practice of a few persons in the local society monopolizing the time and occasion, rather than distributing the exercises among a larger number. Such letters give evidence of a wholesome state of mind in the young people, as a whole. I believe the majority of them really want to learn how to do public work, but many of them are timid, and need to be carefully and tactfully trained, step by step. It is the privilege of the President to encourage and direct this training. He misses the greatest opportunity of his office if he fails to do so. He is not in his place to do all the work himself, but to make the best possible arrangements for leading others out into the doing of it. The same is true, in less degree, of the Vice-Presidents. While

responsible for the Departments, over which they have been appointed, they err sadly, if they do not distribute the various activities of the League among the members. A League that is "run by a few," and in which there are not a number of apprentices learning how to do things well, by the intelligent use of the League machinery, will soon be a poor apology for a Methodist School of Practical Science, as every Epworth League ought to be in our Church. I dare say that this will reach the eye of some Presidents, who will say that it is easier to do the work, than to hunt up others to do it. Such are making a positive error, for part of the business of the President is to not only take advantage of such assistance as may be readily to hand, but to seek out and encourage others, who are at present unknown, and stimulate them to effort. The Epworth League must be a co-operative institution for the direction of youthful talent and energy in the great industrial affairs of the Church and nation, or it will fall to do its real work.

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