

From the Field.

Good News from Newfoundland

In the last issue of our Epworth Era, you express a desire that more of the Leagues would report their doings to The Era, and yet not wishing to hear of socials, entertainments, or interesting meetings.

The Epworth Leagues of Newfoundland seldom report their work in The Era, but undoubtedly there is much that could be reported, and receive your approbation. The present writer has the honor of representing the Cochrane Street Epworth League as its president.

Our Epworth League has been actively engaged in evangelic work since the beginning of the year, so that we have not had an opportunity for social or entertainment meetings, but our evangelic services have proved to be very interesting and profitable, being attended by more of our members than our regular topic meetings. We have several new members waiting for the next reception meeting.

We are actively engaged in missionary work, having collected directly from the members of our League the sum of \$50 for the Epworth League Forward Movement.

We have just terminated a notable feature of our Epworth League work in this city, which you will likely hear about from other sources. The Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Societies, having united in evangelic services, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church felt called by the Holy Spirit to suggest to the Epworth Leagues and Endeavor Societies that evangelic service be held on St. Patrick's Day (it being a general holiday), and this was agreed on unanimously for four united meetings to be held, three on St. Patrick's Day and one on the night previous.

For three months before these meetings the societies interested made the services a subject of prayer. Our prayers were graciously answered, and St. Patrick's Day was one that shall long be remembered by the Leagues of St. John's. During the service a person thanked God for a Sunday in the middle of the week. Such was the divine influence experienced in the meetings that it was deemed advisable that the united meetings should be continued. And every night for the past two weeks (Saturday and two nights for the Sunday-school Convention excepted) Gower Street Methodist Church was thronged with hearers. The first services were held in the lecture-room of the church, but on account of the large numbers seeking admittance the auditorium had to be used, and perhaps not since the visit of Crossley and Hunter did such numbers congregate to an evangelic service on a week day as on the night of March 31, which concluded the united services, which resulted in the spiritual quickening of Christians and the conversion of many.

It is not significant of the union of the churches which has been discussed so much lately, that Methodists, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists have united in such a way as they have done in our city during the past two weeks.

The Congregational minister in one of his addresses said that "if we get nearer to Christ, we shall get nearer to each other."

We sang as the closing hymn of the united services, "Blest be the tie that binds," and parted with a feeling of regret that circumstances called us back to our different folds.

The first duty now demanding our attention is the annual meeting and election of officers, and are looking forward to greater diligence being manifested in the Epworth League work of our city.

Wilson Clarke.

Moose Jaw District

The memory of the Moose Jaw District Convention, held at Milestone, will long live in the hearts and minds of those who had the privilege of attending.

All denominations, including our Roman Catholic friends, contributed to the success of the convention by providing unlimited accommodation for the delegates and local visitors.

The presence of Revs. Darwin and Doyle added greatly to the success of the convention. Mr. Darwin, in his address on the conservation meeting, said that conservation was a looking back over the past and an oiling up for the future. His second address was on child conversion, which, he said, suggested the unpleasant thought of child degeneracy, and the child life is Christ-like. Mr. Darwin so emphatically declared that the child ought never to be out of the church that the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, we Epworth League and Sunday-school delegates assembled in convention at Milestone consider that the church does not recognize its relationship with the children and young people as it should,

Therefore resolved, that the church in Conference do consider the above subject with the object of fostering the children in the church after baptism, and providing a record of same, and that they be acknowledged as members of the church until such times as they choose to withdraw from it."

All present listened with rapt attention to Mr. Darwin's third address, which was on Home Missions.

Rev. J. A. Doyle spoke effectively on the Forward Movement for Missions. The absence of Rev. T. E. Holling, chairman of the district, and others, because of illness, was much regretted, but the convention was somewhat cheered by Mr. Holling's letter of greeting, expressing hearty sympathy and earnest prayer. A resolution was brought in by Rev. R. S. Stevens, Yellow Grass, protesting against any change being made by the Dominion Parliament in the school system of the North-West Territories, which met with unanimous approval.

Rev. Chas. Endicott, of Estevan, was appointed to campaign the district in the interests of the Forward Movement for Missions.

The officers elected were:
President, Rev. D. B. Kennedy, B.A.
1st Vice-Pres., Rev. Dr. Cook.
2nd Vice-Pres., H. W. Connor.
3rd Vice-Pres., W. McLeod.
4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. Endicott.
5th Vice-Pres., Miss A. Smith.
Sec. Treas., Logan M. More.
Conference Representative, Rev. R. S. Stevens.

Edmonton and Vermilion River Districts

The second annual Epworth League Convention of these districts was held in McDougall Methodist Church, Edmonton, on the evening of March 15th and all day March 16th. In this far west a convention has great interest for those living thirty and forty miles across country from the nearest town, and all who could possibly come were in attendance. Rev. C. H. Huestis gave a splendid talk on "The Aim of the Epworth League," reviewing and enlarging upon the aims as set forth in the constitution, and warning against the danger of having too much useless machinery.

Rev. Principal Riddell, of Alberta College, followed with a Bible Study on the Epistle to the Romans.

The morning session, March 16th, was an exceedingly live one. The reports from the farthest away Leagues interested every one; and the two papers, one on "A Model Social Committee, read by

Miss Cora Rye, the other on "Amusements—Wise and Otherwise," read by Miss H. Sproule, both dealt with the social problems of to-day, which are of so much importance, and they called forth a great deal of discussion.

The afternoon session, after a practical paper on "Difficulties and How to Overcome Them," given by W. J. Weir, was devoted to the missionary question. Dr. A. E. Jamieson gave a paper on "How to Conduct the Monthly Missionary Meeting," which was very suggestive and helpful, and Dr. H. Smith told us what we had done and what we are going to do for missions. Then a question drawer was very ably conducted by Professor Cecil Race, B.A., of Alberta College.

The last session was the evening one, held on the same day. We were very fortunate in securing the Rev. James Woodsworth, D.D., now of Winnipeg, for an address on the "Spirit-filled Life." Rev. A. R. Aldridge, B.A., also gave a very practical and inspiring talk on "Individual Work for Individuals."

The officers elected for the next year were as follows:

President, Prof. Cecil Race, B.A., Edmonton.
1st Vice-Pres., Miss H. Sproule, Strathcona.
2nd Vice-Pres., H. R. Smith, M.D., Edmonton.
3rd Vice-Pres., W. J. Hobbs, Fort Saskatchewan.
4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Stutchbury, Edmonton.
Secretary, Miss K. Chegwinn, Edmonton.
Treasurer, Rev. E. J. Hodgins, B.A., Daugh.
Representative to Conference Executive, Rev. R. E. Finlay, Clover Bar.

Regina District

The first annual convention of the Regina District Epworth League was held at Indian Head on March 8 and 9. From beginning to end it was marked by enthusiastic interest. To say the least, it was a grand success, and has filled the Leaguers and Sunday-school workers of the district with new inspiration and zeal. The addresses were excellent, and one of the best and most noticeable features of the convention was that the discussions were lively and interesting.

The officers for the ensuing year are:
President, Wm. Hindson, Regina.
1st Vice-Pres., Mr. Tasker, Indian Head.
2nd Vice-Pres., Miss Edna Gerry, Indian Head.
3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Hinds, Regina.
4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. Stillborn, Balgonie.
Sec. Treas., Miss Hastings, Sinitaula.
Conference Representative, Rev. J. B. Taylor.

After the close of Thursday's session the Epworth League of Indian Head right royally entertained the delegates. And much of the success of the convention is due to their kindness and consideration.

Just a Line or Two

Victoria Avenue Church, Chatham, has a flourishing Junior League of fifty members, organized last December.

The Wellington League held a very delightful "At Home" at Miss Dorland's residence, on March 10th and gave the collection to missions.

Tilt Cove, Newfoundland, reports a fine revival, with an ingathering of over one hundred souls. Many of these have joined the Epworth League.

The League of Wesley Church, Vancouver, has had a very successful year. There has only been one consecration meeting, at which new members have not joined. Subscriptions to the Forward Movement during the year have increased from \$35 to \$100.