

gest, the 2nd Vice-President, be a committee to co-operate with the Chairman of the District and the District Sunday School Secretary in arranging for the itinerary, and discussing the advisability of holding a Summer School at the close of the campaign, and, in short, to have the whole matter in charge.

TREASURER—I would second that motion, but would suggest that no heavy indebtedness be incurred.

PRESIDENT—Are you ready for the question? If in favor, please indicate. Carried.

There is also the report of the Committee on Summer Schools.

3rd VICE-PRES.—Might I point out, Mr. President, that the report of this Committee is very much along the line of work for the doing of which we have just appointed a committee. I would move, therefore, that this report be handed over to this special committee on the understanding that they are to have regard for its recommendations in working out their campaign and preparing for the Summer School.

CONV. REP.—I second this motion. I might further say that although I have not taken much part in the discussions, I have learned a great deal, and shall endeavor to present some of the ideas which you have adopted to the next meeting of the Conference Executive, in order that other Districts may be stimulated to map out a similar campaign.

PRESIDENT—Are you ready for the question? Those who favor the adoption of this motion, please signify. Carried.

PRESIDENT—By the way, we still have the Treasurer's report to pass upon. What is your wish in respect of this report? You will remember that the main feature was that the givings of the local League should be collected by the Conference Treasurer, and that he should distribute the proceeds among the District Treasurers. Do you agree to this principle?

CONV. REP.—So far as the District is concerned, I feel that the plan submitted by the Treasurer would be more immediately successful if the collection were made by the District Treasurer, and the proportion going to the Conference Treasurer forwarded to him. However, I can readily see that the Treasurer's plan of having the money collected by the Conference Treasurer, and distributed through him, will result in a closer relation between the Conference Executive and the District Executive, and as this is what we are striving to bring about, I move that the report be adopted, and that it be presented to the Conference Executive for confirmation, with a view to having it placed in the Epworth League Constitution. In the meantime, I suppose we will have to rely upon the old plan of the Convention collection, and so on.

1st VICE-PRES.—The same thought occurred to me, but I am prepared to waive any immediate results for the larger results which I trust will work out. I second the motion.

PRESIDENT—Are you prepared to accept this motion that the report of the Treasurer be adopted?

MEMBERS—Carried.

Is there any further business? If not, a motion for adjournment is in order. Before adjournment, however, I wish to thank you for your attendance, and for the enthusiasm and practical interest you have shown in the work for the coming year. We are certainly attempting to do large things, but I feel sure that through prayer and co-operation one with the other, we can accomplish all that we are attempting. I am confident that you and I will feel that we are responsible not only for the

work of our own District, but that our influence and our efforts may be felt throughout our Conference and nation; that, in fact, we are associated with other Districts and other organizations in the work of redeeming the world. There is everything, therefore, to encourage us and to inspire us to put forth our best efforts in the extension of Christ's Kingdom. I bespeak for each of you throughout the year a rich Christian experience, and abundant success in your special line of work. A motion for adjournment is now in order.

CON. REP.—I move that we adjourn.

TREASURER—I second the motion.

PRESIDENT—Carried. This meeting is adjourned.

The I. B. R. A.

This abbreviation should be familiar to all as meaning "International Bible Reading Association." This great organization works for the deepening of the spiritual life of the people. It adopts as a method a system of daily readings in connection with the International Sunday School Lessons so familiar to us all. These daily readings are found in nearly all Sunday School periodicals as the "daily readings." But the I. B. R. A.

and the people together daily. We hope to revive the old custom of daily family worship. That these daily readings are found in the Sunday School periodicals is in part accidental. The publishers of these papers, seeing the help these readings would be to the people, and perhaps secure a wider use of the paper, have requested and obtained permission to print these readings. For this privilege editors usually give a contribution toward the extension of the work of the Association. The central office of the I. B. R. A. is in London, England, under a Committee of the Sunday School Union, with Mr. Charles Waters as the chief secretary. The Ontario District Secretary is Frank D. Price, 351 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, to whom all applications for information or supplies may be sent. This great work is engaging the hearts of many of our most prominent Christian workers. We ask the co-operation and sympathy of young people especially, and hope that many more will volunteer to become "Branch Secretaries." **FRANK D. PRICE.**

Fort William Epworth League

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has a literature and membership of its own. It publishes a yearly card of membership, on which are found the Sunday School lessons, subjects and daily readings; also a leaflet for each month on which are the titles, lessons, golden texts, daily readings, and comments on each day's reading; also a quarterly circular letter. These are supplied free to branches or individuals, who in Ontario pay an annual fee of five cents per member. Leaflets A and B give general information, and are supplied free. Thus a "branch" may be formed in connection with a church, Sunday School, an Epworth League, or other society. It is especially helpful in the League, in assisting the members to keep the part of the pledge, "to read a portion of the Bible daily." It is supplied to classes in the Sunday School or in the Home Department. At present the enrolled membership in English-speaking branches is over 950,000, besides foreign-speaking members. Branches are formed in more than eighty countries. We have more than 5,000 enrolled members in Ontario. In addition to this, through the Department of Education, we are supplying the teachers of the public and high schools in Ontario, over 9,000 in number. Thus we hope that nearly 200,000 pupils will daily hear the Word of God read in the schools. We aim at getting the Bible

ham, have spent many profitable hours during the past few months in study.

The meetings were interesting and inspiring. Many lessons were learned as they studied, "The Apostle of the North" (Young), giving an account of Rev. James Evans' work among the Indians; "Golden Deeds" (Yonge), relating many acts of bravery, and, "Back to Oxford, or The Origin of Methodism" (Potts).

The Circle met weekly for mental improvement. The leaders had charge of each meeting, and after two hours' thoughtful study, refreshments were served, and arrangements made for the next meeting. There was a membership of twenty-three. Visitors and strangers were always welcomed.

In a city like Fort William, where there are so many contra attractions, a course such as this proved very helpful and a great blessing to the young people. It encouraged the backward members to take more active part in the meetings, and was an excellent method of entertaining strangers, and thus interesting them in the work of the League.

The Circle has disorganized for the summer, but purpose forming another this fall. We hope that many other similar ones will be formed.