

SPEAK unto the children of Israel that they go forward.—Exodus 14, 15.

Increase Campaign

Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.—Luke 14, 23.

What It Has Done

Prof. Amos R. Wells gives the following interesting information concerning what the Increase Campaign has done for Christian Endeavor: "The Increase Campaign, for the enlarging of the number of Christian Endeavor Societies and the increase of their membership, was proposed in November, 1902. The aim is to gain in every State ten per cent. a year, and to repeat this gain for ten years, or until the number of societies and of members is doubled. Twenty-five States and Territories have gained ten per cent.; seven have gained twenty per cent.; one has gained thirty per cent.; three have gained forty per cent.; and one has gained one hundred and sixteen per cent. Eight States have added more than 100 new societies; one State, more than 200; another State, more than 300; two States, more than 400; and one State (Ohio), more than 500—the exact figures being 586. Every State and Territory has made a substantial gain. The total number of societies formed during these two years is 4,659. Along with this increase in the number of societies has been an increase everywhere in the number of members, but of this I can give no figures at present.

Increase Campaign Notes

Mr. W. S. Bell, President of the League at Smith's Falls, reports 22 new members having been received during the past three months.

The Simcoe District League offers a banner to the League which during the coming year, will secure the largest percentage of increase in membership.

Rev. J. C. Switzer, B.A., President of the Manitoba Conference League, writes: "I believe the Increase Campaign a first-class idea. Will do what I can to help it."

Mr. E. A. Morden, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference League, has called the attention of every League President within the bounds of his Conference to the Increase Campaign.

The League of Wesley Church, Brantford, sends eight "Fellow Workers' Covenant" cards to the Central office, with the promise of several more to enroll as personal workers.

Mr. J. M. Denyes, President of the Whitley District League, writes: "We had a very successful convention at Greenbank. The 'Increase Campaign' was discussed, and I am confident of good results. Prospects seem good for a fine season's work."

An "Increase Campaign" booklet, describing the movement fully, has been sent to every Epworth League President in Canada, so far as the books of the Central office supply the names. They have also been mailed to all District Presidents. If any of these officers have failed to receive a copy, kindly let the General Secretary know.

Mr. John Taylor, Jr., of Galt, writes: "I am glad you are putting special emphasis upon personal work, for it seems to me this is where we have lacked in the past, and we have suffered for it. I had been planning work of this kind, myself, for our League in Galt. It will be a stimulus to know that other Leagues are engaged in the same movement."

Mr. C. A. Panabaker, formerly a prominent League worker at Hespeler, writes from Detroit: "It affords me no little pleasure to know that Canadian Leaguers are contemplating an 'Increase Campaign.'"

The League of St. Clarens Avenue Church, Toronto, is taking up the Increase Campaign. This League has a band of 30 young men who hold cottage prayer meetings from week to week. This shows that young men can be interested in League work.

We want an Increase Campaign in reference to the circulation of this paper, in order that all the Leagues may have something definite to aim at, it is suggested that at least one subscriber for every five members be aimed at. Let this be the minimum.

The League of Elm Street Church, Toronto, at a recent meeting received 42 new members. There was a total attendance of 115 at this service, many of whom were bright young men. The Sunday School and church membership has also greatly increased during the past three months.

Rev. W. G. Wright, of Walsh, Ont., writes: "We are aiding the Increase Campaign at this place by reorganizing a League that has been dead for some years, and thought to be dead for good. It has come to life again, and is showing remarkable vigor. Our membership is 25 with prospect of an increase."

Just a Line or Two

Essex League recently held an "Anti-Cigarette Meeting."

Rev. Mr. Kirby has organized a new League at Gagetown, N.B.

Ridgeway League has organized a Reading Circle with twelve members.

Leamington has a Hand-shaking Committee at the door at the close of each service.

The League at Richards' Landing, with active membership of 12, has promised \$54 for missions.

During a blessed revival, at Jerseyville, many of the young people professed conversion.

Pembroke League has organized a Reading Circle with a membership of ten, and more to follow.

Mount Forest League has added twelve new names to its list of contributors to the Forward Movement.

A majority of the Reading Circles vote "Natures' Miracles" to be the most popular book of the course.

The Galt Epworth League conducts cottage prayer-meetings during the winter, which are much appreciated.

The St. Thomas District League reports the prospects bright for raising the entire \$800 for the district missionary.

The League at Cranbrook, B. C., with thirty-five active, and five associate members, recently subscribed \$90 for missions.

By a special appeal the League at Whitley succeeded in obtaining pledges of 95 cents per week, over and above what had been raised the previous year, which means an increase of \$48 for the year.

The League of Windsor Central Church appoints two members to be present early at every meeting to welcome all who come.

East Korah League, on the Sault Ste. Marie District, undertakes, this year, to increase its missionary contribution from \$14 to \$25.

The officers of the Sault Ste. Marie District have planned to visit every Society on the district. There is no better way of stimulating the work.

We are pleased to learn that the Biennial Conference League Convention in Newfoundland, has created quite an interest in the Missionary Department.

A Bible Study Class of eleven members, with more to follow, has been organized by the Aylmer League. "Studies in the Life of Christ" is being taken up.

The Eastern Methodist Church, Napanee, has ordered 26 sets of the Epworth League Reading Course. Some other recent orders are, Cranbrook, B.C., 20; St. John, N.B., 20; Cranford, N.W.T., 14; Dresden 14; Lucknow, 13.

The Hespeler Epworth League recently held an "Old Boys" and "Old Girls" reunion. A large number of letters and messages of greeting from former members of the League were read, which proved to be a very interesting feature.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Mount Royal Ave. E. L. of C. E. Montreal, reports that interest has been greatly increased lately, by having a fifteen minute song service before the regular meeting, using an entirely new book for this.

Rev. R. J. Elliott, of Simcoe, writes: "We commenced our Reading Circle last week, with twenty-two readers and seventeen sets of books. That is an improvement on last year, and all the old readers are at it again, proving that they were interested last year."

A class of young ladies in Zion Church, Toronto West District, after making a number of useful articles, realized from the sale of same \$107. Of this sum they gave \$25 to their Church Board, the balance, \$82, being sent as a contribution to the Forward Movement for Missions in Szechuan, China.

A gold medal contest was held, recently, in Wesley Church, Winnipeg, under the joint auspices of Wesley League and Aurora Council, R. T. of T. The prize, among five contestants, was won by Miss Daisy McInnis, of Winnipeg, who recited, "The Man Eating Tree of Canada," by Rev. J. A. McClung.

We are pleased to learn that a new Epworth League has been organized at Colborne, in the Bay of Quinte Conference, with thirty active, and thirty-five associate members. A Reading Circle has already been organized, under the direction of the Literary Vice-President, and a "Social Half-hour" is occasionally held after the topic has been discussed.

We are pleased to know that League work is looking up in the Nova Scotia Conference. Halifax district reports an excellent convention, and is aiming at \$300 for missions this year. The Nova Scotia Conference Executive is trying to secure the co-operation of every League in the effort to secure the whole salary of Rev. A. C. Borden, and in an effort to increase League membership.