

raise an average of five cents per week from each Epworth League within the three Districts and a monthly offering from each Sunday School, 60 per cent. of this amount to be devoted to the support of our missionary in West China, the remaining 40 per cent. to aid in the work among the Galicians in Northern Alberta.

What a League Ought to Expect from a Pastor, and "What a Pastor Ought to Expect from a League," brought forth interesting and profitable discussions.

The address of the Rev. C. H. Huestis, M.A., of Red Deer, on "The Aim of the Epworth League," was thoroughly enjoyed, and gave much food for helpful thought. Mr. J. F. Fowler, of Wetaskiwin, addressed the Convention on "Religious Education."

The presence of the Rev. John A. Doyle, Associate General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues for Western Canada, added much to the interest of the sessions of the Convention. His addresses were well received and proved most helpful in their suggestiveness and inspiration.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Hon. President—Rev. C. H. Huestis, M.A., Red Deer.

President—Rev. Geo. G. Webber, Innisfail.

1st Vice—Mr. G. M. Ball, Stettler.

2nd Vice—Rev. R. E. Finlay, Ponoka.

3rd Vice—Mrs. H. E. Gordon, Lacombe.

4th Vice—Mrs. Reid, Olds.

5th Vice—Mrs. Henderson, Red Deer.

Sunday School Vice-Presidents—The District Sunday School Secretaries.

Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. W. E. James, B.D., Springvale.

G. G. W.

A Temperance Evening

The League at Markham has had a prosperous season, the meetings being well attended all winter. The temperance evening, during the past month, "Lessons from the Life of John B. Gough," was particularly interesting. Mr. A. S. Maycock gave an excellent account of Mr. Gough's life, and how he was induced to sign the pledge. Mr. G. H. Reed, M.A., high school principal, gave some extracts from one of Mr. Gough's addresses on "Habit," while the pastor added a few things of interest. Then thirty members of the League signed the total abstinence pledge.

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Stephenson

The Epworth Leagues of Toronto said "Good-Bye" to Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Stephenson on the evening of April 14th, in the parlors of Carlton Street Church. There was a fine attendance and a pleasant time was spent. For some months it has been noticed that Dr. Stephenson has been in failing health, caused, it is believed, largely by overwork, and some of his friends thought it would be wise for him to take a complete rest for at least six months in order to prevent a physical break-down. The Bay of Quinte Conference, at its last Convention, took the initiative by proposing that the five central Conferences unite in raising a fund to send Dr. Stephenson and his wife across the ocean. The proposal was accepted enthusiastically wherever mentioned and with the approval and co-operation of the General Board of Missions arrangements have been made to carry the plan into effect. Only the Central Conferences have been asked to participate, as they can be more quickly reached, but if any of the Leagues of the Western and Eastern Conferences desire to help they will not be debarred from the privilege, but may send their contributions direct to the treasurer of the fund, Rev. A. C. Crews, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

Ever since the Forward Movement was launched, Dr. Stephenson has been its inspiration, giving himself to the work with rare unselfishness and heroic devotion. Although not quite so much in the public eye as her husband, Mrs. Stephenson has been almost constantly engaged in helping forward the work, to which almost her entire time has been given, without one cent of salary. The Leagues have done well to recognize such splendid service.

At the farewell service congratulatory addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Carman, Dr. McKay, Dr. Crews, Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Rev. J. J. Redditt, Rev. Jas. Allen, Rev. T. E. Shore, N. M. Squire, who all expressed their high appreciation of the character and work of the guests of the evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson sailed on the *Coronia* from New York, on April 18th. They have no very definite plans, but will probably spend most of the time in England, giving some weeks to the Isle of Wight, and perhaps visiting the Continent. **THE EPWORTH ERA** wishes them a very pleasant trip, and looks forward to their return in renewed vigor.

Birthday Social

The League of Metcalfe Street Church, Oshawa, recently held a "birthday social." Printed invitations, accompanied by little money bags, were handed to the members of the congregation as they entered church on Sunday morning, every person being asked to place in the bag as many cents as they had years. Of course, nobody's age was revealed. The proceeds amounted to \$55, nearly all of which was devoted to the Forward Movement for missions.

Missions in the Sunday School

At the annual convention of the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues of the Red Deer, Lacombe, and Stettler Districts, held recently, among the subjects discussed was missions in the Sunday School.

It was felt that if we desire our church to be truly missionary in spirit and endeavor more attention must be given to the matter in the Sunday School in the way of definite instruction, because what we desire to appear in the life of the church we must first of all put into the life of the children.

A committee consisting of the undersigned was appointed to put into the form of a letter the general conclusions of the convention, and to send the same to the officers of our church concerned.

We note with interest the plan of the Forward Movement for Missions in the Sunday School outlined in the December number of *The Missionary Bulletin*, and hope that its provisions may be carried out. We are of the opinion, however, that such a plan depends too much upon the initiative of the individual Sunday School superintendent or the minister to be really effective for the purpose. In order to have missionary instruction given in the Sunday Schools of our church it must be in some way embodied in the regular lesson material and helps. For this reason we suggest the following:

In accordance with the plan already in existence in the Presbyterian Church, introduce into the lesson leaf or quarterly a question and answer upon missions. In this way a large body of missionary instruction will be given the scholars in the course of a year.

On the last Sunday of the quarter substitute for the Review a special Mis-

sionary Lesson, based upon a passage of Scripture, and treated as all other lessons are treated in the lesson helps.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) CHAS. H. HUESTIS,
ARTHUR BARNES,
W. E. S. JAMES.

What One President Did

To Awaken Interest on the Brampton District

The wide-awake and energetic president of the Brampton District League writes thus of the good work that has recently been accomplished on that district:

Over a year ago, when I was elected president of the Brampton District Epworth League, I felt the responsibility so keenly that for two weeks I had scarcely one night's sleep. Then this thought came to me, "God's hand must

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Rev. J. Phimister, Singhampton.

have been directing those who elected me," so I said, "I will, if this is the work He wants me to do; I will, by His help, do my very best, and do it cheerfully."

After having planned our work, each officer tried to promote a deeper spiritual life and missionary spirit among their fellow-leaguers, but we could not work as effectively as we had hoped. Having visited a number of Leagues, I found that some Leagues, even though there was such an organization as the Forward Movement, others that didn't know we were supporting a missionary. We succeeded in organizing five new Leagues and two mission study classes. That did not satisfy me, there still remained a lot to be done. How were we to accomplish it? Only by having our district campaigned. Although opposed by some, we planned to have this done, and no word of mine can express the feeling of joy it has given me. Its value cannot be overestimated.

What are the results? We have now about fifteen Mission Study Classes, and another new Senior League organized, making a total of six new Leagues for the year. But this is not all. We are now planning to hold a Summer School next summer on our district. The Epworth Leagues have volunteered to give over one hundred dollars more than last year through the Forward Movement for Missions. This is not all; it has stirred up our young people with such enthusiasm that I feel this year will be the best in the history of the Brampton District.

I felt we ought, through **THE EPWORTH ERA**, let other districts know the value of campaign work.

E. B.

Moving Pictures

One of the most striking features of the recent S. S. and E. L. Institute in Toronto was the exhibition of moving pictures illustrating missionary scenes in various lands, under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary movement of New York. We are glad to know that arrangements are being made by which these pictures may be exhibited in many of our towns and cities. They cannot fail to help our missionary work.