

somewhat late for us in Canada, but it appeared that the majority of the people in the central and eastern States take their holidays in August, and that the nearer we could come to that date the more likely would we be to secure a large attendance from that section, so on the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number, the date was fixed as above.

Thursday afternoon, as has been the custom in the past, will be devoted to addresses of welcome and responses from representatives of the three Churches. Thursday evening, at the earnest request of our American friends, is to be given up to patriotic address. The brethren of the Church, North and South, feel that for the first time since the war, having fought together under a common flag, in a common cause and for a common country, their young people have forgotten the feuds and disagreements of the past, and are now prepared to unite as never before in a frank recognition of their unity as a people, and of the good men who have won these days of strife, now happily passed, fought for the Union and the Confederacy. The intention of the Church North is to ask Bishop Fowler to deliver his celebrated lecture on "Abraham Lincoln," and the Church South is to ask General Gordon, one of the ablest and most popular orators of the South, to deliver his not less famous address on "The Last Days of the Confederacy." A third meeting is provided at which the speakers will be Canadian. A great theme for a great occasion like this would be "The Future and Work of the Anglo-Saxon Race." Friday morning is given up to departmental conferences; and with a view of enabling each delegate to attend a conference in at least two departments, two sets of conferences have been arranged for, one from 10 to 12, and the other from 10.30 to 12. In each gathering the work of two departments will be discussed. The subjects will be practical, dealing with the work of the departments, the methods to be employed and the training of the workers. More time than ever has been set apart for discussion after the reading of the papers.

The general theme chosen for Friday afternoon and evening is "Social Righteousness." The subjects for the afternoon will emphasize the essential importance of personal integrity and practical righteousness in all the relations of life. The Convention will place itself on record for all that is highest and noblest in human character and Christian citizenship. The evening will be devoted to the cause of temperance, and four great addresses will be delivered on the following practical themes: "The Economics of the Liquor Traffic," "The Saloon in Politics," "Restrictive and Prohibitory Legislation," and "Total Abstinence." Men of large knowledge, wide experience and profound grasp of this subject will be chosen for these addresses. Saturday morning is devoted to "Methodism." The subjects discussed will be: Methodism, Her Genius and Spirit, Missionary Enterprises, Her Educational Work, Her Effect upon the Thought and Life of the Christian Church. These and other subjects will be presented in such a form as to convey to the minds of the hearers some idea of the spirit which has moved, the work which has been accomplished by, and the task which lies before our Church.

On Saturday morning, in addition to the two meetings at which "Methodism" will be the subject, there will be a conference on Junior work, its importance, the best methods to secure its success, its progress and development.

Saturday afternoon or evening will be free for rest and recreation, it being left to the Indianapolis local committee to determine which. For either Saturday afternoon or evening the general subject will be "Educational Work." Books, their value and how to read them, our connexional literature and our schools and colleges will all be dis-

cussed by those best qualified to speak on themes so important, and special emphasis will be laid upon our reading courses.

On Sunday morning Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Methodist churches at 6.30. At eleven o'clock sermons will be preached in all the churches on the deepening of the spiritual life. Sunday afternoon two large conferences will be held at which our missionary work will come up for consideration and discussion; the meetings will be practical in their nature, and deal with the work of the missionary department of the League. Sunday evening, commencing at 8.30 o'clock, two great mass-meetings will be held, to be addressed by leaders in missionary thought on the theme of "Disciplining the Nations," to be followed by a consecration service. This will end the fourth International Epworth League Convention.

Except on the first evening, and on Friday and Saturday mornings, only two meetings of the Convention proper will be held. The halls provided are said to be considerably larger than those in Toronto, and it is thought that two meetings will be sufficient. A great gathering is expected. Thirty thousand is the minimum number of delegates mentioned, and while Toronto was great, it is expected that Indianapolis will be still greater.

District Conventions.

Guelph District.

The Annual League Convention held at Acton, November 22 and 23, was a success, although bad roads interfered with a large attendance from the country.

On the opening evening Mr. H. P. Moore spoke words of welcome, which made all the delegates feel at home.

Splendid addresses were delivered by Rev. W. H. Harvey, B.A., on "Christian Citizenship," and by Rev. Dr. Ross, on "Missions."

On the following day considerable time was given to reports from the various societies, in relation to the Forward Evangelistic Movement, and also the Missionary Forward Movement. Both movements have received considerable attention during the year.

Inasmuch as the District has raised \$400 for missions, it was decided to undertake the support of a missionary.

Miss Pickering read an inspiring paper on "Empowered for Service." Miss Dudgeon discussed the subject of "Soul Winning," and gave some valuable hints. "Saved to Serve," was the topic of Rev. J. F. Kay's practical talk. Mrs. R. W. Scanlon read an excellent paper on, "The Monthly Missionary Meeting," and Miss Featherstone of Acton gave a very superior paper on, "The Social Work of the League."

At the closing session Rev. W. B. Smith and Rev. A. C. Crews delivered addresses.

Each delegate to this Convention was supplied with a small note-book for the purpose of jotting down some of the good things said. This was presented with "the compliments of H. P. Moore." The cover was, like everything that comes from Mr. Moore's press, beautifully printed, and the book contained a sufficient number of pages to keep the delegates busily writing through the whole convention.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. F. Kay, B.A., Guelph; 1st Vice-President, Mr. T. J. Edmiston, Acton; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Ella Snyder, Acton; 3rd Vice-President, Miss M. Madill, Fergus; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. E. L. Flagg, Belwood; 5th Vice-President, Mr. F. Hale, Guelph; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. R. W. Scanlon, Ph.D., Nassagaweya.

St. Thomas District.

The Epworth League Convention of the St. Thomas District was held in the beautiful Central Methodist Church St. Thomas, on October 4th. Though the weather was not favorable, and only a few attended the Convention, there was great interest taken in the addresses and essays given, which were followed by warm discussions, especially upon the social work. The Forward Evangelistic Movement was adopted, but the month of November instead of October was decided upon. The special interest of the Convention centered in the Forward Movement for Missions, and Bro. F. C. Stephenson gave eloquent and interesting talks in the afternoon and evening.

The resolutions adopted were:

1. That we ask the General Board of Missions to appoint Dr. Bolton, of British Columbia, as our missionary.

2. That for efficiency, a new Executive organize into eastern and western sections, so that the district may be better worked along the lines of the Forward Evangelistic Movement, and the Forward Movement for Missions. Each section to meet once every four months, and the combined Executive at least twice a year.

3. That all Epworthists should discourage the growing of tobacco by farmers, especially Christians, in this district, knowing the immoral effect it will produce upon the youth of this western section of Ontario.

4. That the Epworth League Reading Course be heartily recommended.

5. That the use of the new Methodist Catechism be forcibly impressed upon all Epworthians and Sabbath School scholars.

The retiring President, Rev. A. H. Goring, B.A., of Port Stanley, at the close of the evening session, called the Executive elect to the front, and delivered a charge to them.

The officers elected were: Hon. President, Rev. C. T. Scott, B.A., Aylmer, Ont.; President, Rev. A. O. Alexander, Ont.; 1st Vice-President, Rev. Dr. John Philip, St. Thomas, Ont.; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. John McArthur, St. Thomas; 3rd Vice-President, Miss E. Matheson, Union; 4th Vice-President, Miss N. Gibson, Brownsville, Ont.; 5th Vice-President, Miss O. Norton, Orwell, Ont.; Secretary, Miss E. McFriedie, Aylmer, Ont.

St. Catharines District.

The Annual Convention of the St. Catharines District was held at Jordan Station, November 29 and 30. There was a large attendance, and great interest was manifested in all the sessions. The programme commenced with a devotional service conducted by Rev. C. L. Bowly, after which the active members all stood and repeated the pledge again.

After an address of welcome by the President, a paper on "Social Work" was given by Miss Kate Lindsay. "Pointers for the Lookout Committee," by Miss Dainty, was exceedingly practical and helpful. Mr. J. A. Wiley read an interesting paper on, "Keeping the League out of Ruts." Mrs. F. Dayman gave some valuable counsel to Junior workers.

At the evening session Rev. Wm. Smythe gave an excellent address on, "Equipment for Service," followed by a stirring address on "Our Life Mission," by Rev. W. I. Rutledge, B.A., Hamilton. On the second day, Rev. F. A. Cassidy, B.A., spoke on, "Our Work in China and Japan," "Systematic Giving" was discussed by Mrs. Geo. Gordon. The following subjects were also addressed: "The New Birth," by Rev. H. B. Christie; "Christ as St. John saw Him," by Rev. Wray Smith; "The League before a Revival," by Miss Bagg; "The League in and after a Revival," by Rev. C. W. Cosens.