

From the Field.

Brockville, Wall Street.—The League of Wall Street Church, Brockville, has 86 members—72 Active and 14 Associate. It ought to do good work, for it has the best of appliances in the recently reconstructed church. The building does not show to the best advantage on the outside, but in the interior arrangements it is scarcely surpassed by any church in Canada. During the past year the League has held 53 devotional services, which seems to be an indication that it takes no summer holiday. There are three departments and ten committees in working order. In addition to the regular services, the society has charge of a weekly prayer-meeting at the Park Street Mission,



WALL ST. CHURCH, BROCKVILLE.

and about twenty cottage prayer-meetings have been held in homes where sickness and old age prevented the inmates from attending public service. The Lookout Committee made 78 calls, while 250 calls were made on the sick and the poor. A Sewing Circle made up and repaired clothing, and this was distributed by the Relief Committee. The Flower Committee sent out 144 bouquets to cheer and brighten sick-rooms; to each of these bouquets a verse of Scripture was attached, and thus they proved silent messengers, bearing the words of God. The Forward Missionary Movement has been adopted, and quite a number of the members are contributing two cents per week.

Belleville, Bridge Street.—"The open door" is a catchy phrase for designating the nations who are willing to trade with others. It might appropriately be used to describe the Bridge Street Methodist Church, which, since January 1st, 1889, has literally kept "the open door." It is now ten years since the free reading-rooms and parlors of that church were opened to the public. They have steadily grown in popularity, until now it is admitted by those who ought to know that they have accomplished even more than the purposes for which they were at first established. The anniversary was celebrated on Monday evening, 2nd ult., by a union meeting of all the Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavor Societies of the city.—*Daily Sun.*

Toronto, Agnes Street.—The members of the Agnes Street E. L. of C. E. held a New Year's reception the afternoon and evening of January 2nd. The lecture-room

was decorated and arranged very much like a home parlor. The Social Committee served refreshments to the callers, and a good programme of excellent music was rendered. The object of the reception was to provide an enjoyable home-like evening for the young people whose homes are out of the city and who were not permitted to enjoy the festivities of the home gatherings. It was a success.

Toronto West District.—All the Leagues except one are contributing to missions this year. The Forward Movement is the immediate cause. The Missionary Vice-President is aiming at \$500 and is quite hopeful of obtaining it. Last year \$325 was the District's offering to the Missionary Society. As fully half the churches are poor ones this is a good showing, this being only the second year of a systematic effort.

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Nile.—The President writes: "Our Epworth League begins the new year with a membership of sixty-eight, which is an increase since the beginning of the year. Some Associate members have voluntarily taken the Active member's pledge. Our average attendance for last year was good when we consider that we are situated in a country place and some members have to travel about three miles to reach us. Our League has not only been self-supporting, but has given \$10.00 to the Forward Movement for Missions and donated \$51.30 to the assistance of the church. In looking over the past we are able to say we thank God and take courage. We are looking forward to a year of hard work, and are expecting great results."

Carman, Man.—The President writes: "Our Carman League has enjoyed a very prosperous year. We number about eighty members, with forty active. All the departments of the League have been built up and are doing good work. In connection with the Literary Department we have organized a Reading Circle. Ten sets of the Reading Course books have been received, representing a membership of twenty. Varied programmes will be furnished by the Literary Committee. The educational value of the Course is showing itself in all our studies, and we hope to have a winter of pleasure and profit."

Scarboro'.—The Corresponding Secretary of Centennial League writes: "In response to an invitation from the Epworth League of Centennial Church, Scarboro', Mr. Edgar Allin of Toronto, came out on Sunday, January 15th, and gave two splendid addresses. In the afternoon he occupied the pulpit, and gave a very searching, helpful and practical talk, based on the text, Christ's command, 'Follow me.' In the evening he addressed the League, giving a general survey of missionary work, illustrating his remarks by a number of maps, charts and diagrams. We derived great pleasure and profit from the address. It will do much to revive interest in Missions in our League. Mr. Allin is at present taking a course in medicine at Trinity Medical College preparatory to entering the Foreign Mission Field."

Hartley Bay, B.C.—This is an Indian League on the Pacific coast that is doing earnest evangelistic work. One of the officers, Mr. E. T. Patelas, writes that ten souls have been won to Christ at recent services. This is the kind of news we like to hear.

Alberton, P.E.I.—Two new Leagues have been organized on this circuit—one at West Devon and another at Cascoque. The latter society meets every Thursday evening, and also takes charge of the public service on

the alternate Sunday evening from that on which the regular preaching service is held.

Melita, Man.—The League here is prospering. The meetings are characterized by large attendance and deep spiritual interest. The Forward Evangelistic Movement was observed and the Reading Course is proving a great blessing. Sometimes as many as a hundred attend the League service.

Wyoming.—Rev. Geo. N. Hazen, pastor, writes: "Our League is in a good condition. A short time ago we organized a Reading Circle with twenty members, and we are now taking up 'The Makers of Methodism' and 'Fairland of Science.' A deep interest is manifested. We have adopted the 'two-cents-a-week' plan as a means of systematic giving to missions. Mr. John Richardson is our indefatigable President."

Philanthropic Work.

The Parliament Street League, Toronto, distributed twenty-five large baskets of provisions to poor families at Christmas.

The League at Roland, Man., sent a Christmas box of \$40 to the missionary at Lumber Camps, Rat Portage, as the stipend there is very small.

The League of Wesley Church, Toronto, at Christmas sent provisions to fifty families of the deserving poor of the neighborhood. The young folks enjoyed the work.

The young people of Carlton Street Church, Toronto, decided to raise money for the poor, and to do the giving some time in February, when the poor would be in more need of help than at Christmas.

The Intermediate League of Bridge St. Church, Belleville, gave Christmas dinners to eight poor families, and distributed a large quantity of clothing to them, also gave a donation of food and clothing to the City Mission.

Trinity League, Toronto, purchased a quarter of beef at Christmas, and a number of turkeys. These, together with clothing, groceries, toys, picture books and candles were distributed. Twenty-five families were helped and cheered.

The E. L. of C. E. of Sydenham Street Church, Kingston, joined forces with the King's Daughters at Christmas, and obtained supplies by holding a pound prayer-meeting. The scholars of the Sunday School brought books, toys, etc., and there was enough and to spare for all in need. Each family helped received a roast of meat, potatoes, butter, etc. The poor children were delighted with the toys, and the children who gave them were equally delighted.

CENTENARY E. L. of C. E., Montreal, has a Sewing Circle, whose duty it is to repair all articles of clothing given to them and to make new garments from old clothing. During the last three months of 1898, 248 articles of clothing were distributed to the poor. At Christmas the society sent out twenty-one large dinners and two donations in money. The experience of those who have engaged in this work is that they have obtained a great deal of happiness through giving happiness to others.

The League of Gerrard Street Church, Toronto, sent 14 baskets of provisions and 6 parcels of clothing to poor families during the Christmas holidays. To patients in the various hospitals, 12 glasses of jelly and 12 parcels of fruit were sent; 26 stockings filled with candy and cake were forwarded to the Isolation Hospital and 17 to the Orphans' Home; 26 articles of clothing were given the Children's Shelter; 13 bouquets sent to sick and aged ones; 74 visits made to private homes, and 4 letters