

Neepawa Epworth League.

Having read in the Era so many interesting accounts of the work done in the different Leagues, we are encouraged to write about our own society.

We are able to report progress along every line. The attendance at our weekly meetings is always good, and for several months has been on the increase. It is noticeable that a large percentage of those who are the newcomers are young people about fifteen or sixteen years of age. As we have no Junior League we heartily welcome these young people, and hope to find work for each one, so that all may feel they have a place in the society.

A few weeks ago we turned our regular missionary meeting into a union meeting, with the members of the Lucile Davidson Mission Band. We had for the evening study the life and work of Dr. Mackay, of Formosa. We intend to take up in our missionary meetings the lives and the work of prominent missionaries in different countries. Last year, on our Literary evenings, we reviewed the nineteenth century. We had papers read on "Progress of Medicine in the Nineteenth Century," "Progress of Law," "Progress of Printing," etc., taking one night for each subject. The papers were written by those who were particularly interested in the different subjects, and all were quite as interesting as instructive.

Last Friday evening we gave a very successful social. The programme dealt with "Reminiscences of Early Days in Neepawa." The chief feature of the programme was a paper tracing the progress of the Methodist Church in Neepawa. We are having written a full history of our League, which will be copied into our large visitors' book, and kept for future reference. We have a Reading Circle of about fifteen members, who meet every two weeks.

During the third week in March we arranged to have a week of special meetings in connection with our League. —Jas McIntosh, Cor. Sec.

Absent Members' Evening.

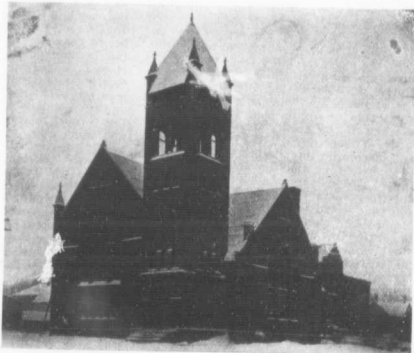
The Has-Beens of the Epworth League of the Tara Methodist Church are not forgotten. On Tuesday evening a very interesting feature of the programme was the reading of letters from those who had been connected with the league in years gone by, and had taken an active part in the same, but who now through absence are unable to attend, many having gone away from our village to distant parts of Canada and the United States.

Take Twenty-four "Eras."

The secretary of the Bethel League, Pine River, reports that their society is "wide-awake." It has forty members. Weekly prayer-meetings are held, which are well attended, and in which "every one takes part." This year six new members have joined, and are taking an active part. This League subscribes for 24 copies of the Canadian Epworth Era.

New Church at Midland.

We have pleasure, this month, in giving our readers some idea of the appearance of the new Methodist Church which has recently been opened in Midland. It is a splendid brick structure, occupying a prominent site upon the main street of the town. The auditorium accommodates about a thousand persons, and presents a very pretty and comfortable appearance. It is lighted by a beautiful chandelier of incandescent



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lamps, which floods the room with radiance. The cost of the building was about \$20,000, all of which has been subscribed, with the exception of \$5,000. Most of the subscriptions were taken on Mr. Powell's plan of interest-bearing bonds, so that each contributor is responsible for the interest on his subscription until it has been paid. A novel scheme, by which a big bazaar was inaugurated, has enabled the trustees to place a fine pipe organ in



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the church, costing \$1,550. The success of the whole enterprise is largely due to the pastor, Rev. T. Dunlop, who has labored indefatigably from the very first. It is a most satisfactory close to his successful ministry of five years in this town, as the church was greatly needed.

Four Sundays of opening services were held, sermons being preached by Revs.

Dr. Carman, J. F. Oakley, J. C. Speer, and A. C. Crews. The last Sunday was made a Sunday-school and Epworth League Day, when a most inspiring audience of scholars and young people assembled.

The Sunday-school room is one of the best features of the building. It is entirely above ground, and is planned in the most modern style. Every department of the church seems to be in a prosperous condition.

The Evangelistic and Bible Study Movement in the Hamilton Conference.

Hamilton Conference League will have no convention this winter, so no report of the above movement can be presented in session this year. I ask you to allow The Era to carry information concerning the movement to any who care to know. All timely effort after organization and inspiration was made. Every first vice-president of the Conference was addressed by letter, and the plans detailed. Every pastor was addressed and earnestly solicited to co-operate. To each was sent a blank report, to be filled up after the conclusion of the movement on his circuit, and returned directly to myself. This report gave me the results of the movement on his circuit. The printed plans were sent in generous quantities to every League. The number of reports filled out and returned is large, but the number not so returned is larger. May I confess to a little elevation of feeling at this point? Who are the delinquents? On many a rural circuit, where difficulties multiply, the movement was attempted with gratifying success, and duly reported. But, sir, the silence which broods over the League work in many of our large towns and cities, would indicate an indifference or neglect which is far from encouraging.

Now for the generalized conclusions since I will not present detailed statistics. A general comparison with the plan is evident. Many pastors arranged series of studies which were not only ingenious, but successful. Hundreds of sermons were preached on the gospel of Matthew. A young people's day is the universal thing. But the best and most for which to thank God, hundreds of leagues are reported as having become Christians. There is entire unanimity as to the benefits occurring. All urge the continuance of the movement.—Hugh L. Dougall, First Vice-President Hamilton Conference E. L.

Peanut Social.

The young people of Victoria Church, well known for the successful entertainments they hold, surpassed themselves last Friday night at their Peanut Social. The peculiar name doubtless attracted crowds, for the crowded basement of the church severely taxed the arrangements made for them by the society. On entering, a person was handed a peanut neatly tied with a silk ribbon, which came apart and disclosed a piece of paper with a line or so of poetry. After an excellent programme, in which songs were rendered by Miss May and Mr. Wm. Ives, recitations by Miss Olga Streight, and a dialogue by Miss Harshaw's class, the people intermingled, poetry similar to his, and the differences in the age and size of the principals in these incongruous partnerships caused much amusement. Then conundrum refreshments were served, and laughable orders were given from the puzzling menu cards handed around by the waiters, and peanuts composed a large part of the refreshments.—Toronto Junction Leader and Recorder.