

## Stratford District

The annual convention of Epworth Leagues of Stratford District was held at Mitchell on September 14th and 15th. Reports were presented by the executive officers. The Missionary Vice-President reported \$29.17 for the Epworth League movement during the year, and \$30 for Christmas presents for the missionaries sustained by the district.

Miss A. Gillespie gave a paper on Junior Work, in which was emphasized the importance of working the young at the Epworth League, in order to develop good Christian men and women and noble and useful citizens.

The convention was favored with the presence of the Rev. Frank Langford, one of the Field Secretaries, who gave valuable aid to the convention. Mr. Langford spoke on "The Conservation of Our Natural Resources". He also addressed the convention on Personal and Team Work, Foreign Missionary Work.

"The Call of the Home Field" was very interestingly dealt with by Miss Nellie Forman, formerly of Stratford, who is working in the West under the auspices of the W.C.T.U.

"The Value and Methods of Mission Study Classes" was dealt with by Miss Hattie Baker, and many helpful suggestions were thrown out.

"The Question of Christian Stewardship" was presented by the Rev. A. E. Moorhouse, and created considerable interest.

"The Call of the Community, and How we may Respond" was dealt with by the Rev. J. E. Malott, of St. Mary's. The speaker described in a general way the vivid conditions of the people of any given community live, financial, social, intellectual, moral and religious.

The Rev. Langford, Secretary of the Department of Citizenship, and emphasized the necessity of our young people being well informed in the geography, history and the biography of the men who have done the most in developing our country.

Rev. J. F. Knight gave a series of personal addresses that were very helpful. In the evening of the closing day the Rev. Dr. Manning gave a sermon of deep interest, after which the Lord's Supper was dispensed.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Hon. President, Rev. W. E. Milson, Stratford; President, Rev. R. H. H. Milbank, Windsor; Vice-President, Rev. W. Baird, B.A., Mitchell; Miss Hattie Baker, Fullerton; (3) Miss A. Magaw, Stratford; (4) Mr. Lorne Bedy, St. Mary's; (5) Mrs. Cook, Stratford; Secretary, Miss Jennie Cosens, Toronto; Treasurer, Mr. A. Purcell, Listowel; Conf. Rep., Rev. L. F. Barbour, Ph.D., Listowel; Secretary of District Summer Schools, Rev. H. E. Malott, B.A., B.D., St. Mary's.

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## Windsor District

The annual convention of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues of Windsor District was held in Leamington, October 17th and 18th. The attendance was good. Rev. R. Ferguson, Walkerville, presided. Rev. J. F. Knight, Charing Cross, spoke on "The Aims and Purpose of the Convention: To Know More, to Feel More, to Do More." This was followed by an address by Rev. S. L. Toll on "The Call of the Community and How the Leagues May Respond." He urged the study and investigation of the conditions of the topic "God and I" was discussed by Rev. F. H. Langford, Field Secretary. Rev. J. F. Knight addressed the convention on the theme, "The Hill Difficulty." He recommended more determination, more heart searching, more prayer, and more study of the motto, "Look up, lift up."

"A Study in Committees" was helpfully discussed by Mr. Langford in the evening session. The Field Secretary addressed the audience on "Our Call to the Mission Field," and Mr. Knight also gave an address on "The Joy of Service."

At the morning session of the 18th October the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That a series of Institutes be held in the district at most central points.

2. That greater stress be laid on evangelism in our schools, and that on Sunday previous to sacramental services, resolutions be given to the members of the school to accept the Saviour.

3. That Cradle Rolls and Home Departments be organized in connection with every school.

Rev. C. F. Clark, the capable Secretary of the district, gave a very encouraging report of the work of the district. Number of scholars in the district, 1,000; 187 officers and teachers, 657; 632 had signed the pledge during the year to abstain from intoxicating liquors; \$3,000 had been raised for Sunday School purposes.

A very encouraging paper was read by Mrs. H. A. Beaton on "The Cradle Roll Work." She enthused the convention as to giving greater attention to this important

work. She reported a healthy growth during the past year. We have now 608 registered as Cradle Roll members.

Mr. E. C. Scriegley, in a very graphic way, pointed out to the convention the benefits of the Home Department, namely, it increased attendance of the school, it awakened interest, increased devotion, promoted sociability, developed home religion; it revived a taste for Bible study.

Rev. D. E. Martin gave an address on "Evangelism: The Sunday School." He laid great emphasis on methods of teaching. During the afternoon session Mr. G. W. Conant gave an address on "The Education on 'The Duties of the Sunday School Teacher.'"



STRATFORD DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION AT MITCHELL.

Negative by Mr. Langford.

A profitable Round Table Conference was conducted by Rev. C. F. Clark.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. William Stirling, Cottam; Vice-Presidents (1) Rev. W. Connelly, Gesto, (2) H. Weir, Windsor, (3) Miss G. Calvert, Walkerville, (4) Principal Dame, Leamington, (5) Mrs. E. Beaton, Secretary, Miss Ida Meece, Conf. Rep., Rev. S. L. Toll, Windsor.

I. N. BROWN, Reporter.

## Palmerston District

The Annual Epworth League Convention of the Palmerston District was held in the Methodist Church, Goldstone, on Thursday and Wednesday, September 16th and 17th. The attendance was splendid, there being not only the past of each church, but delegates from almost every League. There was a magnificent feeling of interest and enthusiasm as we met together, a band of consecrated workers, representing the work of the various stations of the district. We could not help but feel as the reports of the different Leagues were read that the League was not a thing of the past, and that God was blessing our efforts in striving to win our young people "for Christ and the church," although perhaps we may not have been measuring up to our responsibilities. I am sure the feeling of the delegates was to return to their home stations with full determination to make this year a notable year in League work of our District.

Rev. C. T. Watts, Palmerston, President of the District, in his opening address, spoke with a great deal of encouragement to the rural workers, showing us how God calls the busy man, the man from the country places, like Mr. Saul and David, to service for Him. He spoke of the important position of the country Epworth League in instructing the young men and young women to go forth to meet the temptations of life in the larger places.

Rev. A. Smith, of Drayton, Hon. President of the District, gave an address on "The Call of the Community and How the Leagues May Respond." He spoke of the importance of each department, of how the Epworth League aims to improve the intelligence of the young men and showed how the intelligent Christian has a wider and better influence than the uneducated one. But we cannot respond to the call of the community to make our influence felt for good without the Holy Spirit.

Rev. C. T. Watts took up the subject "The Hill Difficulty, What is Yours?" He said difficulty is a challenge to us to greater effort and that young people can overcome any difficulty. He was glad to live in the twentieth century because God gives us more numerous, because the church, the

nation and God are calling with greater emphasis than any previous generation.

Rev. G. H. Bennett conducted the morning watch and Bible study, taking for his subject the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1-10).

Rev. F. L. Farewell then gave a most interesting and helpful blackboard talk, "A Study on Committees, What and How," showing the best methods of committee work.

Rev. R. E. Raiton gave us some splendid ideas on Christian Stewardship.

"Our Call to the Home Field" was taken by Rev. C. H. Snowden, pastor of the Convention church. He spoke of the call of

men for the West. The command is personal, give incentive, it is incentive. Who will respond? Who will influence someone else to respond?

Rev. F. L. Farewell showed us what constituted a call, and response, to the Foreign Field—

(1) A willingness to serve anywhere.

(2) A knowledge of the need and a feeling of adaptability.

(3) Circumstances.

Though circumstances may not permit you to go, yet your willingness to serve anywhere where we are called will be a great aid in Christian service.

At the meeting of the Business Committee the following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Rev. A. E. Smith, Drayton; President, G. T. Watts, Palmerston; Vice-President (1) Miss Edna Norris, Goldstone, (2) Miss Emma Beck, Harrison, (3) Miss Rachel Burnett, Cliff, (4) John Black, Palmerston, (5) Mrs. Cassidy, Drayton; Secretary, Miss Susie A. Bateman, Harrison; Treasurer, Miss W. Lyons, Alma; Rep. on Conf. Exe., the Chairman of the District.

SUSIE A. BATEMAN, District Secretary.

## Milton District

A convention of the Leagues of the Milton District was held at Ennals, Aldershot, on Wednesday, 1st inst., in three sessions. The District organization had been inactive for some years, but the meeting at Ennals was very encouraging. Rev. J. F. Kaye had been named by the Financial District meeting in 1912 to act as Secretary and convener of a committee who were appointed to call a convention. The subjects, which were timely, were taken by local helpers. Our Field Secretary, Mr. Farewell, was with us for the day and did splendid service. Mr. Daniels, the President of the Conference League, dropped in for the social hour, and gave us a helpful message. We had inspiring services, which is prophetic. Resolutions were passed along such lines as: 1. An effort to do better along missionary lines. 2. An effort to measure up to the League's standard of efficiency. 3. An effort to support our League paper, The Canadian Epworth Era, more generously.

We are grateful that the organization has been revived, and with an excellent staff as the executive, we are hoping for a successful year.

The following officers were elected: 1st Hon. President, Rev. J. A. Irwin, B.A., D.D.; 2nd Hon. President, Rev. H. Aldershot; Vice-Presidents, (1) Rev. T. R. Todd, Preston; (2) Mrs. S. R. Bews, Milton; (3) Miss R. H. Bews, Milton; (4) Mr. J. P. Plummer, Bronte; (5) Miss J. Fairfield, Oakville; Secretary, Estella Alton, Watford; Treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Bews, Milton; Conference Representative, Rev. J. F. Kaye, B.A.