

## District Conventions.

### Whitby District Convention.

The sixth annual convention of this District Epworth League was held in the Methodist Tabernacle, Whitby, Oct. 23rd, 1901.

There were 86 delegates present. The different Leagues of the district reported an increase in interest and membership and all felt the great need of more prayer and a deeper consecration to the Master. Mr. Dyer, of Columbus, gave a very interesting address. The Every-day Difficulties of Life. Rev. A. C. Wilson, of Pickering, chairman of the district, gave an address on "The Importance of Prayer in League Meetings." Miss Bunting, second vice-president, reviewed the missionary work on the district for the past year. Rev. J. H. Oliver, of Toronto, gave a very interesting and profitable address on "The Importance of League Work." The report of the Nominating Committee, as read by the secretary, showed the following officers elected: Honorary president, Rev. A. C. Wilson; president, Mr. J. U. Deliaart, Brooklin; 1st Vice-Pres., Miss R. Upton, Prince Albert; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss L. Hurd, Port Perry; 3rd Vice-Pres., Miss U. Harper, Whitby; 4th Vice-Pres., Mr. Dyer, Columbus; 5th Vice-Pres., Miss DeLong, Brooklin; secretary and treasurer, Miss A. G. Brown, Port Perry; Conference representative, Rev. V. Emery; executive committee, Rev. S. Dixon, Seagrave; Mr. U. Cragg, Greenbank; Miss Mackey, Kinsale; Miss Bunting, Pickering; Miss Harvey, Whitby.

### Pembroke District.

The annual convention of the Epworth Leagues of the Pembroke District was held at Renfrew on Tuesday, November 26th. Owing to the snowstorm, which prevented a number from attending, the attendance was not large, although the sessions throughout were both interesting and profitable. The morning session was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. Manly Benson, chairman of the district, after which the president, Miss T. Crabbe, of Pembroke, took the chair. Written reports were read by delegates from all the Leagues and Forward Movement Bands, which were very encouraging. The importance of the Forward Movement question, its proper system of management, was well discussed by many. \$120 was the sum raised last year toward the support of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Costen in Japan. The devotional exercises of the afternoon were led by Rev. J. H. Miller, of Eganville. A paper on "Recreation Positively Considered" was read by Rev. Manly Benson. Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Fort Coulongue, read a paper on "Personal Work for the Master by the Individual Leaguer." These excellent papers were discussed. The papers, "Leaguers in and out of the Mid-week Prayer-meeting," by Rev. E. R. Kelly, and "Mission Work of the League," by Rev. W. Johnson, were not given, as these gentlemen were absent, but they were discussed at length. Owing to the illness of the newly elected president, Mr. W. A. Stickle, of Renfrew, the chair during the evening session was taken by Rev. H. S. Osborne, of Cobden. Miss F. Crabbe read a paper on "What the Epworth League has done for me," after which testimonies were given by the Leaguers. The Renfrew Methodist choir furnished an excellent programme of music. Rev. Manly Benson delivered an address on "Dangers to our Young People," which was listened to with earnest attention and pleasure.

The members on the executive for the ensuing year are: Hon. President, Rev. Manly Benson, Arnprior; President, Mr. W. A. Stickle, Renfrew; 1st Vice-Pres., Rev. G. D. Armstrong, Fort Coulongue, Que.; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss F. Crabbe, Pembroke; 3rd Vice-Pres., Miss Jennie E. Arnprior; 4th Vice-Pres., Rev. W. Johnson, Grasseau; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss A. Davidson, Renfrew.

### Palmerston District.

The seventh annual convention of the Palmerston District was held in the beautiful new Methodist church at Moorefield, on Friday, December 19th. The fine attendance at all the sessions. In the evening the spacious auditorium was crowded to its utmost capacity. The people of Moorefield extended a very hearty welcome to the delegates, and entertained them to supper in the basement at the close of the afternoon session. The following topics were discussed:

"Lights and Shadows of S. S. Work," by Mr. H. Irvine.

"Methods of Conducting Literary Work in the League," by Rev. J. W. Gilpin, Harriston.

"The Nature of Temperance Work in Sunday-school and Epworth League," by Mrs. J. Goodwin, Hope.

"How to introduce Variety in the Temperance Meeting," by Mr. S. G. Gregg, Clifford.

"Missionary Outlook," by Miss M. Beck, Harriston.

"Ways and Means of Making the Social Committee more Effective," by Rev. Mr. Cooper, Alma.

Round Table, conducted by Rev. A. C. Crews.

In the evening, appropriate addresses were given by Revs. S. E. Marshall, B.D., and A. C. Crews.

The following officers were elected: Honorary President, Rev. J. H. Robinson; President, Mr. E. Husband, Moorefield; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Bromhill, Harriston; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mr. H. Irvin, Drayton; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mr. S. G. Gregg, Lakelet; 4th Vice-Pres., Miss Maggie Slick, Palmerston; 5th Vice-Pres., Miss Eva McConnell, Harriston; Secretary, Miss A. Dynes, Moorefield; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Goodwin, Palmerston; Conference representative, Rev. James Mooney, Alma.

### Bracebridge District Convention.

The Bracebridge District Epworth League held their sixth annual convention at Gravenhurst, on Thanksgiving Day. The convention was largely attended, representatives from nearly every part of the district being present. On account of the train from the north being late, the morning session was not called. However, owing to the good executive ability of retiring president Mr. Rice, the business was quickly and satisfactorily disposed of at the opening of the afternoon session.

Some very interesting and profitable papers were read. The thought in these and the discussions which followed some of them were very helpful and suggestive. The Gravenhurst League served lunch in Convention church, which afforded an excellent opportunity for delegates to become acquainted with one another. Both the afternoon and evening sessions were nicely spiced with some excellent solos.

One of the strong attractions of the convention was an address on "Forward Movement in Missions," by Dr. Stephenson, of Toronto. On account of sickness in his family, he was unable to be pres-

ent. However, he kindly provided a supply, and Mr. Steward, of Victoria University, gave an able and profitable address on that subject. After expressing itself strongly in favor of missionary measures being enacted, the convention was brought to a close, and visiting leagues went away with a friendly feeling toward the League which had entertained them so kindly.

The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Rev. J. F. Ferguson; President, Mr. Geo. Rogers; 1st Vice-Pres., Miss Kernick; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss Groves; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Swain; 4th Vice-Pres., Mr. Stinson; 5th Vice-Pres., Mr. Russ; Secretary, Miss Brown; Treasurer, Miss Williams; Executive, Rev. R. Aikenhead, Rev. H. Harper, M.A., Ph.D., Rev. Chantler, and Rev. Carscadden.

### Bay of Quinte Conference Convention.

The Bay of Quinte Conference Epworth League Convention will be held in the Methodist Church, Deseronto, on the 13th, 19th, and 20th of February, an evening session on the 13th, and a morning, afternoon, and evening session on each of the other days. Prof. McLaughlin, of Victoria University, has kindly consented to give a one hour Bible study on the morning of the 19th, subject, "The Kingdom of God," a study in the Gospel of Luke, and also an hour on the morning of the 20th, subject, "The Christian Church," a study in the Gospels, Acts and Epistles of Paul. Dr. F. C. Stephenson will be at the convention to give a report of the Summer School held in Toronto, and conduct a Missionary Conference on the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions. Let every League and Christian Endeavor Society in the Conference be represented by one or more delegates at this convention.

G. E. DEROGHE, Secretary-Treasurer.

### A Great Convention.

The fourth international convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions will be held at Toronto, Canada, February 26 to March 2, 1902.

Three Volunteer Conventions have been held: the first at Cleveland, in 1891, having in attendance 680 delegates; the second at Detroit, in 1894, having in attendance 1,325 delegates, and the third at Cleveland, in 1898, having in attendance 2,221 delegates. At the convention in 1898 there were 1,598 students and 119 professors, representing 461 institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada, 87 secretaries, and other representatives of foreign mission boards and societies, 80 foreign missionaries, and many other leaders.

From present indications the convention next February will be even stronger and more representative. It will in all probability be attended by students and professors from over 500 colleges, theological seminaries, medical schools, and other high institutions of learning. The next conference of the secretaries of the boards of missions of the United States and Canada will be held in Toronto insures a large attendance of officers and representatives of the foreign mission boards. A large number of missionaries from all parts of the world are expected. National leaders of the young people's societies, State, Provincial, and International secretaries of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations and editors of Church papers and missionary magazines, as well as fraternal delegates from student movements in Europe have been invited.