

been unable to procure passes, and so were forced to leave early. The penalty for remaining out over hours is the loss of a day's pay, and, what the boys mind more, no pass for seventeen days. In course of conversation that evening, a young man from Guelph, who, by the way, is one of the fifty men who will embark shortly for Africa to complete the region of Strathearn House, mentioned a fact that will interest Epworth Leaguers, viz., that two Epworth Leagues have already been formed among the boys who left our shores to fight for their Queen and country.

Some of the readers of the Era will remember the fire which swept the town of Windsor, N.S., about two years ago. The Methodist Church was among the buildings burned. A fine new church has been erected, and was recently dedicated. The Epworth League, which pledged itself to raise the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars toward the building fund, has so far realized about one-half of that amount, and is working for the remainder. The League has also furnished the church with a piano for use in League services, church prayer meetings, and entertainments. The piano cost two hundred dollars, and of this amount one hundred and seven dollars have been paid. —*Ellis A. McCune.*

Toronto West District.

The annual rally and election of officers was held in Bathurst Street church on Thursday, May 10th.

Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, of North Parkdale Church, gave a powerful missionary address, showing the great need, and the total inadequacy of the work done. He said the requisite thing was that Christian people put themselves, as well as their offerings, in God's hands, and then only would the power of the Spirit be given them. Mr. Fitzpatrick showed how the district, instead of supporting one missionary, might very easily support five. This would only require five cents a week from each member.

Rev. J. W. Graham, B.A., of East Toronto, spoke on the subject of "Enthusiasm," and certainly it was an address which thoroughly and deeply enthused all present. The speaker explained that his subject meant literally "possession of God." This was an absolute necessity to every Christian and every Epworth Leaguer. It was time, he said, that the people of God ceased playing at Christianity and began to live it in a more earnest, more faithful and more practical way.

Considerable difficulty was met with in the election of the Discipline Committee, and it was so late when the scrutineers made their report that the committee was given permission to meet at some subsequent time and elect the officers.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year so far as they have been elected: President, Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, North Parkdale; 2nd V.-Pres., Mr. R. Almond, Bathurst Street; 3rd V.-Pres., Miss Sheppard, Toronto Junction; 4th V.-Pres., Miss M. Moore, Crawford Street; Secretary, Mr. H. J. Terry, Parkdale; Treasurer, Mr. T. H. Keough, Epworth; Rep. to Conference Executive, Rev. E. R. Young, jun., Parkdale.

The 1st and 5th Vice-Presidents and the other two representatives were left to be elected at a later date.

Faithful Teachers.

The teacher who is always in her place when the time for the opening of the Sabbath School draws near, bears a faithful witness by her very presence. The Superintendent who has a corps of such teachers has continual reason for thanksgiving. —*Bible Study.*

Huntingdon District.

The semi-annual meeting of the Huntingdon District Epworth League was held at Hemmingford, Que., on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, May 16th.

At the afternoon session the President of the District League, Rev. D. Mick, S.T.L., of Guelph, presided.

An interesting Bible study on the subject of "Self-surrender and its gifts" was given by Rev. J. H. McConnell, B.D., of Orms-town.

Rev. Jonathan R. Hodgson, of Valleyfield, followed with a paper on "Our Pledge."

An excellent paper on "The League as an Evangelistic Force," by Rev. Dr. Meyer, of St. John's, provoked considerable discussion.

At the evening session the Chairman of the District, Rev. Wm. Pearson, presided, and the following resolution was brought forward and unanimously adopted: "That this District Convention desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services being rendered to the League and the Church by THE EPWORTH ERA, under the able editorship of Rev. A. C. Crews. We congratulate him on his success, and we cordially recommend to our Leagues, and the people generally, this bright, pithy, eminently readable little paper."

Rev. D. Mick, S.T.L., then spoke on "The Young People's Forward Movement for Missions," and impressed the convention with the importance of the work.

In calling for the next address, the last on the programme, "The New Patriotism and the Epworth League," by Rev. C. D. Baldwin, of Lacolle, the chairman expressed high appreciation of *THE ERA* and the excellent work its editor, Rev. Dr. Withrow, is doing in fostering the highest type of patriotism among the young people of Canada.

Rev. C. D. Baldwin heartily endorsed the remarks of the chairman, and then followed a splendid address.

Altogether the convention was one of the best that has ever been held in the District.

J. A. DORMAN,

District Reporter.

World's Convention.

Arrangements are being completed for the great World's C. E. Convention in London, commencing July 14. The meetings will be held in the Alexandra Park and Palace. The palace itself cost £350,000 to build, and stands in the midst of an attractive and extensive park. The Great Central Hall will accommodate a meeting of upwards of 10,000 persons, in which the singing will be accompanied by one of the finest organs in the world. At least one of the American tents, with seating accommodation for 9,000 persons, will be erected in the park, and various other convenient and spacious places of meeting will be provided.

A Good Investment.

Sixty typewriting machines of the newest and best models represent a nice little sum of money. The investment of the required amount has been made by Mr. W. H. Shaw, Principal of the Central Business College, Toronto, in behalf of the young people who attend his school, by purchasing fifty new Underwood machines and ten samples of other standard kinds.

The Central Business College is the first Canadian school to adopt the Touch method of typewriting, which requires a scientific fingering of the key-board and the use of all fingers of each hand. Under the direction of a special teacher the students in this school can scarcely fail to become expert typewriters, and we are not surprised to learn that the graduates of the shorthand department of this college are always successful in filling the best situations going.

The Book Shelf.

Personal Character and Business Life. A study for young men. By John M. McDaniel. Published by Philip H. Anderson & Co., Ferrier, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 60 cents.

A stimulating and suggestive book on character-building, of especial value to the young man who contemplates going into business.

Play the Man. Talks with boys on the battle of life. By Herbert Reed. Published by Philip H. Anderson & Co., Ferrier, Edinburgh and London. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 90 cents.

This little book is packed with good counsel for boys, and is written by a man who has by no means lost the remembrance that he was at one time a boy himself. There are chapters on "How to be Men," "Choosing Sides," "Things that Hinder," "What it is to be a Christian," "What it is not," "On Active Service," "Things that Help," "About Companions," "The Strong Man of the House." "The two services."

The volume is a fine one for mothers to read with their boys. It is a great pity that our Sunday School libraries do not contain more such literature as this.

Missionary Annals of the Nineteenth Century. By D. L. Leonard, D.D. Cleveland: F. M. Burton, 1899. Price, \$1.50.

The scope of this little volume is well described in its sub-title: "A history, a book of reference, and an interesting story combined, of the progress of the kingdom in mission lands during the past one hundred years." The author brings to his task the wide reading involved in preparing his earlier work, "A Hundred Years of Missions." After summarizing missionary efforts in early times, and discussing the beginnings of modern missions, the ten decades of this century are separately considered, after which follow the chapters "Summary of the Century's Progress," and "Summary of Facts and Figures." A comprehensive chronological table showing the dates of principal missionary events, and a brief index, conclude the volume.

Wise Advice.

The saying is attributed to John Winthrop, that wise and winsome Puritan: "When you don't know what to do, don't go and do it." This is very simple, and apparently easy, rule, but it takes most of its years, and costs us many grievous mistakes to learn it. There is another caution that might well be put alongside of this, although it is really included in it: "If you don't know what to say, don't go and say it." When any emergency arises we are too apt to say to ourselves, "I must do something," or, "I must say something." Whereupon we do exactly the wrong thing or hurt out the wrong word. It were much better to have kept still. But much better than that is to concentrate attention on the situation and wait until the right thing or the right word comes to us, and then do that deed or speak that word. —*Forward.*

A RAGGED, dirty newsboy, of Jersey City, was found crying on the street, disowned by the man he had supposed to be his father, and with no home except a hallway in which he slept. The Westminster Presbyterians Endeavorers became interested in him, secured his admission to the Home of the Homeless, where they are now paying his board, members of the Society having pledged definite payments weekly or monthly.