

## From the Field.

### An Energetic League.

The League of Bell Street Church, Ottawa, is a most energetic and enterprising society, numbering about one hundred members. During the first week of February a series of special services were held under its auspices which created considerable interest. On Sunday, February 4th, the General Secretary preached twice, and addressed the Sunday School in the afternoon. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather the congregations were large. A two hours' prayer meeting was held previous to the morning service, and there was also a half hour of prayer before the evening service, and another at the close, so that the day was pretty well occupied.

On Monday evening there was another large attendance, when Mr. Crews spoke on "Has the Epworth League fulfilled the expectation of the Church?" On Tuesday evening many of the members attended a union rally in the Dominion Church which was also addressed by the General Secretary. Rev. G. S. Clendinning, S. T. L., of Brockville, spoke in Bell Street, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and on Friday evening Rev. H. E. Warren, of Westboro, delivered an address.

On Monday evening, February 12th, Rev. Dr. Henderson gave the young folks one of his eloquent missionary addresses which helped greatly to develop the missionary spirit which already distinguishes Bell Street League. The services have been continued every night during February, in which the energetic and popular pastor, Rev. W. J. Wood has been assisted by Rev. G. I. Campbell, B.D., of Aylmer.

### A Musical Convention.

A grand musical convention was held in the South Cayuga Methodist Church, under the auspices of the Epworth League, January 18, 17, 18, 19.

The Committee of Management were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. Oscar Honsberger, of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, an able and efficient conductor, and Miss Vera Board, gold medalist, of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, as pianist.

The class consisted of one hundred and eighty-six members, among whom were several distinguished musicians. A grand closing concert was held Friday evening.

The proceeds from the convention and concert amounted to \$200, and is to be applied on the church debt.

### Bible Study.

Mr. Walter P. Gooden, an president of the Brampton District League, sends a plan of Bible study, which is being worked in the district. The outline provides for a year's reading, as follows:

February—The Gospel of Matthew. March—The Gospel of Mark. April—The Gospel of Luke. May—The Gospel of John. June—The Acts of the Apostles. July—Epistle to the Romans. August—1 and II. Corinthians. September—Galatians and Ephesians. October—Philippians and Colossians. November—I and II. Thessalonians. I and II. Timothy, Titus and Philemon. December—Epistle to the Hebrews.

The following "Hints" accompany the plan:

1. We recommend that the subject for each month be introduced to the League in

brief, pointed papers or addresses dealing with the authorship, general scope, etc., of the book or books to be studied during that month.

2. Keeping in mind the information thus obtained, read the book or group of books through during the following week in order to get a general view of the book as a whole.

3. During the remaining three weeks of the month, the book should be carefully studied daily—completing as nearly as practicable one-third of the work each week.

### Gave the Church a Bell.

The North Hastings Review gives the following account of an interesting service recently held in Madoc:

"The Epworth League meeting on Monday evening was largely attended. Despite the storm, the commodious basement was filled. The pastor presided, and introduced a varied and thoroughly enjoyable programme of music, orchestral and vocal recitations, and addresses. Revs. N. D. Drew and F. H. Stratton delivered capital addresses. The most interesting object in the room was the very fine church bell which has been purchased by the League for the use of the church. It was mounted on the platform and rung several times during the evening. From all appearances it is a beautiful article, and its tones ringing out clear and strong will soon be heard calling to worship often, and only occasionally, we trust, tolling for the dead. The bell was made to order by Menzies & Co., Troy, N.Y., weighs seven hundred pounds, and has cast on its surface the inscription: "Presented by the Epworth League, January 1st, 1900." The Bell Fund of the League was augmented to the extent of \$50 by the generous free-will offerings of the audience on Monday evening.

### An Invigorating Revival.

The Methodist Church at Wingham has had a most delightful and invigorating revival, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. R. Hobbs. Over one hundred members have been added to the church, and a corresponding increase in the League. Fifty-one members of this League are now contributing to the Forward Missionary Movement, which will total \$55 for the year. There are sixteen members taking the Reading Course. The Junior Society numbers fifty members. Every department is working successfully. The programme of the League meetings is very attractively prepared, and contains the Home Readings in addition to the usual topics, and lists of officers, committees, etc. It would appear that every member is on some committee.

### "South Africa" Evening.

"South Africa" was the topic at the Dresden Epworth League recently. Miss March gave a very graphic description of the physical features of South Africa, showing by means of a map the coast outline, mountain ridges, rivers and table land. She pointed out that there were very many variations in the climate, thus making the war more difficult for our soldiers. Miss Galloway then aroused the sympathy of the audience by reading very pathetically "The Mother's Prayer," by Jean Blewett, our Canadian poetess. H. Wallace followed, sketching briefly the character, education, customs and modes of warfare of the Boers. Then was sung that noble and soul-stirring patriotic song, "Red, White and Blue." Mr. Chas. Aikin dwelt on "The Cause of the War." The much sung but ever popular "Soldiers of the Queen" was stirring rendered by the League choir. The progress of the war from the beginning to the present time was outlined by S. Carscallen. The enthusiasm reached its climax when the large audience

arose, and with the spirit of true Britons sang two verses of that grand old anthem, "God save the Queen."

### A Large Reading Circle.

The Reading Circle at Dundas numbers forty seven, and meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Sunday school building. Two committees are responsible in turn for the programmes, which usually consist of roll call, reading minutes, questions from the books that are being studied, interspersed with discussion. Frequently there is a paper or character sketch on Imperial Federation, Canadian Poets and Poetry, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Cecil Rhodes, Lord Salisbury, etc., concluding with a Table Talk on some up-to-date question such as "D. L. Moody and his Work," "The Transvaal War," "The Closing Year of the Century, and how best to improve it."

### New Members Added.

The Epworth League of Sackville, N.B., has been much interested and occupied during the services lately held in the town by Evangelist Gale. As a result of these services many new members have been added to the Church and to the League. The services were union in their character, Baptist and Methodist congregations meeting together, so the gracious influence has not been limited to one church. A great impetus has been given to the spiritual life in University, Ladies' College, and Academy. The work is deep and growing, and in the regular religious services of the schools students are still deciding for Christ.

### Growing Interest.

A correspondent writes: "The Epworth League Reading Circle of Sackville, N.B., has an increased roll of members this winter. Thirty-one are now reading the books, and the interest is growing. Six meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twenty-one. We have finished two books, 'The New Citizenship,' and 'The Marvels of our Bodily Ridding.' The former book has been especially liked by the members of our circle, and the discussions upon it have been interesting and profitable. Twenty-three sets of the books have been taken this winter in Sackville.

### Just a Line or Two.

The Burgessville League, Oxford Centre Circuit, is paying ninety dollars towards the new church recently erected in their village. Missionary and other interests are not forgotten.

The Executive of the Brantford District League has approved the plan of uniting with the Norwich and Simcoe Districts for the support of Rev. W. W. Prudham as a missionary to Japan.

BETHEL League at Bright appointment, has secured pledges from its members and friends to give one hundred dollars per year for three years on behalf of the Forward Movement in Missions.

The League at Port Simpson, B. C., has ordered a very handsome banner costing fifteen dollars from Messrs. Knox and Sons, in this city. For Indian League banners and badges seem to be absolutely necessary.

Rev. J. H. Riddell, B.D., has been conducting a study of the Epistles to the Ephesians with the young people of Grace and Young Churches, Winnipeg, which have been the source of much pleasure and profit.

The League of Woodgreen Church, Toronto, devotes every Friday evening to cottage prayer meetings. The society has been divided into two sections, and two very successful meetings are held on the same evening.