

was small, but good—a kind of service that counts for something to those present. Friday morning Mr. Westman entertained for Blackfolds. Here the effort was very encouraging, 56 people being present at the evening meeting.

Saturday, of course, was set apart for rest; but the Lakeside appointment of Blackfolds mission society requested our Field Secretary to give them a service, and Brother Westman, anxious to live up to his motto:

"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, just as long as you can," responded to the invitation, and was well repaid, for the Lakeside meeting was one of the best on the coast.

Monday, October 14, was the winding up session, which took the nature of a district convention; and I can truthfully say that this gathering was one of the best Sunday School conventions ever held in the district.

Sunday School Athletic Association

The Victoria (B. C.) Sunday School Association has made a new and important departure by organizing an athletic association under its auspices. The matter has been in view for some time. Two committees were appointed for the purpose of drawing up a constitution and other business connected with organization, and on Oct. 7th the committees reported and the organization was effected.

The name of the new league is "The Sunday Schools' Athletic League of Victoria," and its main objects are as follows:

"To work for the betterment and enlargement of Sunday schools in Victoria by developing character through athletic contests and by making Sunday school attendance more universal than in the past.

"To maintain a high standard of honesty, courtesy and manliness in athletic sport, and to establish scientific physical training in the Sunday schools of the city.

"To secure and maintain a genuine amateur basis in sport, and to institute, regulate and govern inter-Sunday school gymnasium and athletic meets."

The league is open to Sunday schools, regardless of sect or creed, the annual fee from each school being three dollars, a sum which entitles the school to enter as many teams in any competition as they wish, and gives the privilege of sending two delegates to the league meetings.

The officers elected are:—Hon. President, J. Patrick; President, J. G. B. Vico; Vice-President, J. E. Andrews; Secretary, George W. Robinson; Treasurer, G. McDonald. The three following were chosen as members of the Board of Governors, J. W. H. King, J. M. Thomas and Mr. Bailey.

The affairs of the league will be conducted by a Board of Governors, which includes the above names and will meet once a month and the regular meetings of the league will be held quarterly, the annual meeting to take place some time in March.

To conduct specified sports there will be section committees appointed by the Board of Governors, and in addition there will be three standing committees appointed by the same authority. These will be the Registration Committee, the Finance Committee and the Publication Committee.

A novel method has been arranged in the dividing up of the members for competitive purposes. These will go according to weight: Seniors, 110 to 130 pounds; Intermediates, 90 to 110 pounds; Juniors, 90 pounds and under.

In the opinion of Mr. Beall, the President, the weight classification is infinitely better than by age, and he expects the idea to work out quite satisfactorily.

The rules of the B. C. Athletic Union will be adopted by the new organization.

Lake Superior

The Lake Superior District Young People's Fifth Annual Convention, held in Port Arthur and Port William, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, October 20 to 22, was a splendid success.

A large attendance, bright congregational singing, helpful solo singing, well delivered thoughtful addresses, abundantly provided with good things, earnest spiritual discussions at the afternoon meeting and round table, and animated social intercourse were characteristics especially noticeable.

Six sessions in all were held: Sunday evening, special sermon by the pastors of all the churches concerned, Monday in Trinity Methodist Church, Port Arthur—general business meeting; in the morning for reports and election of officers: 6 to 6.30 p.m., lunch and round table discussion; evening, commencing at 7.45, song service, solos and addresses; the same order of procedure being observed the second day. Spiritual fervor ran high at all the meet-

ings; people seemed moved to a keen sense of their obligations as Christian workers, feeling that more work should be accomplished for the Master. The Convention watchword, "Soul Winning," was frequently referred to by the speakers who thought that more definite effort should be expended in producing the fruits of its precepts.

Rev. H. Hull in his address, Monday afternoon, criticized the Young People's Societies generally for not trying to open up the latent possibilities in their younger members, for he said, "Leaders are born, not made," and he went on to show that unless this spirit became prevalent, success would not attend the efforts of any society in any great measure. He also emphasized the fact that the senior members of the societies should pay particular attention to young people about the ages of 14 to 18 years that they not give an opportunity to drift from the church.

At the Monday Round Table discussion, "Society Problems and their Solution," also Tuesday's afternoon general discussion following three addresses "The

Heaven Abroad—at Home—in the Church," the Church's relation to Sociology, in general, but the labor question and social and moral reform issues in particular, were given prominence. Preachers and laymen expressed themselves freely, the predominant feeling being that Christian young people should as a Christian duty study social questions, with a view to equipping themselves to assist in a Christlike way the solution of the perplexing industrial problems and White Slave Traffic. Rev. Shaver laid emphasis on the idea of personal service, "deciding to win a fellow, then sticking to him until he was won for Christ."

After the final address, Tuesday evening, "Works that Follow," by Rev. Andrew D. Reid, the audience rose to sing the closing hymn, "Take my life." Solemnity reigned, and as the strains of that beautiful, soul-inspiring hymn rose and fell it seemed as if never before had the words and music greater individual import. The convention closed and the delegates dispersed, conscious of having received a new impetus to Christian work.—Reported by F. E. Moore.

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