

From the Field.

Toronto, Sherbourne St.—Mr. J. A. Hill, Ph. B., writes:—"The Reading Circle of the Sherbourne St. Epworth League has just completed its study of the prescribed course. We have had an enrollment of thirteen members, ten sets of books, and a good attendance throughout. The circle has been the means of spiritual blessing and intellectual prosperity. On the 29th of May the literary department of the League reviewed the course. We wish success to all sister circles."

Toronto West District.—The Executive of Toronto West District gave an informal reception to the newly elected conveners of the Missionary and Social committees of the Epworth Leagues in their district in Clinton Street church, Tuesday evening, May 16th. Nearly all the Leagues of the district were represented by their vice-presidents, and these with the district officers and other interested friends made up a delightful company. After an hour spent in sociability and getting acquainted, Mr. T. H. Keough, the Vice-President of the Missionary Department of the District, took the chair and introduced the programme. He said that the object of the meeting was to get the officers acquainted with each other, and to encourage each other by provoking one another to good works. After several addresses, the ladies of the District Executive, under the leadership of Miss Dottie Duffin, provided refreshments for the guests. This meeting was but an experiment. All present, however, expressed their enjoyment and profit and will return to their Leagues with renewed interest in mission work.

Hamilton, Hannah Street.—The pastor writes:—"At our last meeting of the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor before election of officers, on unanimous vote, the society was changed to purely Epworth League. Miss Effie Taylor was elected president. The society is flourishing. The \$40 promised for the support of our District Missionary in China has been raised. We are working in great harmony and enter on the new year with brightening prospects."

Kingston, Queen Street.—The corresponding secretary writes:—"Two weeks ago the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor in connection with the Queen Street Methodist Church entered upon its study of 'The Fairy Land of Science' and opened this phase of the season's work with short addresses upon the first three chapters by Mr. Meek, Miss A. Phillips, and Mr. J. Elliott. There was a large attendance, and the interest was good. Indeed, this interest has been growing since the Society made its new departure and made its object mental as well as religious development. The recent visit of Rev. A. C. Crews has given new life and vigor to the work of the Epworth League; but behind the movement, so far as the Queen Street Society is concerned, is Rev. Mr. Elliott, the pastor of the church, with his abiding influence and presence."

Galt.—The corresponding secretary sends the following interesting news:—"Our Reading Circle finished the reading of the set of books on the 17th of March. Were able to get through so early by starting promptly in the fall, which it pays to do. On Good Friday, March 31st, we held a very enjoyable literary and social Reading Circle gathering in the church. We invited the Preston and Hespeler Circles to be with us, and they

turned out thirty in number. About seventy-five of our own members were present. Our worthy district literary Vice-President, Mr. W. F. Coler, occupied the chair, and a very profitable programme was rendered. Very encouraging reports were presented from the different circles. To describe the many interesting features of the evening would take too much space. Over twenty of our readers here Galt have already handed in their names for the examination. On April 18th our League gave a social entertainment and reception in honor of the married members of our League, of which class of members we are proud to say we have between twenty-five and thirty."

The Epworth League has two young men appointed to stand in the church lobbies on Sundays and be on the look-out for strangers and others. These are greeted with a kind word of welcome, and a hearty shake of the hand, and not one of our "committee pump handle sort of handshakes." This is a sphere where we feel a great deal of good practical work can be accomplished. Our League has placed the EPWORTH ERA in the Y. M. C. A. reading room of our town. Our total membership now is 275. At the annual meeting very satisfactory reports were given."

Shawville.—The corresponding secretary writes:—"For some time the Shawville League has been struggling to exist. Recently, however, as the result of special efforts, a great change has taken place. It has over doubled in membership and interest. At one meeting twenty six were received and since that a number of others. Two new features are being taken up: first, systematic missionary giving as advocated by the Forward Movement; second—every member is expected to plant and care for a plot of flowers to be used exclusively for the church and sick. We are all looking forward to a prosperous year."

Shedden.—An enthusiastic circuit convention of the Epworth Leagues of Shedden, Lawrence, Frome, and Southwald, was held at Shedden, Wednesday afternoon and evening, May 10th. The pastor, who has taken into church fellowship some 150 young people, and organized three Leagues since coming upon the circuit, had charge of the programme, which was of a very high order throughout. Excellent papers were given by Miss Heidt, Mr. Nethercott, Miss Henderson, and Mrs. F. W. Miller, each of whom represented a different League and department of work; also, by Mr. Bishop and Miss Shepherd, who took up the literary and social work, respectively. A circuit League was organized, with the intention of holding a similar convention annually, and working in concert along evangelistic, missionary, and temperance lines. Mr. Crews secured twenty-five subscribers to the EPWORTH ERA.—*Guardian.*

Collingwood, Maple Street.—Our League membership at present is 101,—42 active, 33 associates, and 6 honorary members. We have just closed a successful year's work. Much of the success of the League is due to the faithful work of our President, Mrs. Tillman, whom we have re-elected for the ensuing year. Our pastor, Rev. T. E. Bartley, takes a great interest in the young people, and helps us at every opportunity. We have four departments and all have done excellent work in preparing suitable subjects for the meetings,—looking after and welcoming strangers, promoting the social interests of the members, seeing after absent scholars and teachers in the Sabbath School. We have raised \$52.03 for missions by systematic giving and by collections at public missionary meetings. We hope, by the help of the Junior League (which has also done faithful work) to increase this amount

to sixty dollars before the close of the year. We also gave \$20 to the trustees of the church, and \$10 to the organ fund. A box of clothing was prepared and sent to the Children's Aid Society, Owen Sound. The Temperance Committee held two open meetings, and during the prohibition campaign, 1,267 copies of Prohibition literature were distributed by the members of the League. The Literary Department has furnished several interesting programmes. Some of the subjects were:—"Origin of Thanksgiving," "Lessons from the Life of John Wesley," "An Evening with Frances Havens delivered at the Epworth League." An exceedingly interesting and profitable address on "True Repentance," was given by Mr. E. Ward, Principal of the Model School. Papers, tracts, and literature have been distributed. Twelve of our members are subscribing to the "Epworth Era," and are delighted and greatly benefited by the information it contains each issue. We are anticipating another year of hard work, but are expecting still greater results."

Staffa.—The League at Staffa celebrated the 24th of May by holding a social at which tables were set outside the church on the grass. After tea Rev. Mr. Westman delivered a lecture in the church, which was accompanied by a good programme of music. There was a good attendance, and the sum of \$38 was realized. On the previous Sunday Rev. Mr. Westman preached League sermons which were very highly spoken of.

Walkerton.—Anniversary Day appears to have been a success at Walkerton, judging by the following communication from the secretary:—"Our Epworth League Anniversary services on May 14, were all that could be desired. There were sixty-two out to sunrise prayer meeting, and the prayers and testimonies were full of strong faith in God and earnest longing after added power for work in the coming year. In the morning our pastor preached an eloquent sermon from "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad," impressing on us the grand and noble heritage which we, as Methodist young people, enter into, and the far-reaching field for work which is opened up before us. In the evening the League, to the number of sixty-five, marched in a body to the service, wearing our League colors, when Mr. Moir gave an earnest appeal from "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." The floral decorations were beautiful. All are filled with a desire to render better service in the future."

Merrickville.—The secretary writes as follows:—"The League of Merrickville Methodist Church has just added another prosperous year to its history. Our membership roll has increased to sixty, and we are still 'looking up' for better things. The Literary department of our League has selected for its line of study 'The Teachings of Christ,' and we find the different phases of this teaching very profitable. During the year the League has been called upon several times to take the church services owing to the illness of the pastor Rev. T. B. Conley, and one Sunday in particular was devoted to the League and its interests. Short addresses and essays were given by some of the members, and special music rendered. The congregation went away well pleased that the League was not slothful at any rate. The monthly business meeting for April was held at the home of Miss Effie Wood, the former president, in place of in the lecture room. After prayer by Mr. Conley the officers for the year were elected and the Leaguers were left to enjoy themselves in a social manner. Would be glad to communicate with other Leagues as to plans, methods of work."