

From the Field.

Manitoba Conference.

First Epworth League Convention.

For some years the Manitoba and N. W. Conference has had an Epworth League Executive Committee, which has done much good work developing interest in the work, but no convention was held. The meeting of the General Conference in Winnipeg afforded an opportunity of bringing the ministers and young people of the Conference together for consultation, and September 3 and 4 were the dates selected.

The Convention was an acknowledged success, and will doubtless be a great impulse to the work.

The programme prepared by the Ex-

meetings of the month, whereas it is often the deader.

The spirit of the meeting is too often introspective. Too much looking inward, too much self-examination is not good. There should be more of the outward look.

In conducting the service, we should guard against allowing it to become formal.

The President sometimes permits members to be very lax in the way they express themselves. Many speak with evident hesitancy, and in a very low tone of voice. They should be urged to express themselves in a frank, open, clear, positive, and earnest way.

The persistent roll call of names which are not responded to has a chilling effect. The membership list should be revised, and kept up to date. The names of persons not likely to be present should not be called.

On Wednesday evening a missionary session was held, which was attended by a large audience, and presided over by Rev. Dr. Carman. Rev. Dr. Morrison, of the "All People's Mission," gave an interesting account of the work being

literature. Rev. H. Hull, B.A., gave an inspiring address on the importance of organizing the Districts for League work. Rev. A. C. Crews explained the "Forward Movement in Bible Study and Evangelistic Work," and urged its adoption by the young people's societies of the Conference.

Another large and representative audience assembled in Grace Church on Thursday evening to hear addresses from Rev. E. E. Scott, G. J. Bond, and N. W. Rowell, Esq., K.C.

Mr. Scott eloquently spoke on moral patriotism. He said that the Epworth League should stand for good citizenship, for the abolition of the liquor traffic, and for the highest and best in character.

Mr. Rowell gave a glowing account of the possibilities and prospects of the great West, and emphasized the importance of Christianizing the multitudes who are coming to its fertile plains.

Mr. Bond strongly urged the importance of training and keeping hold of the young.

The following resolutions were discussed and passed at a business meeting.



SUMMER SCHOOL OF RIDGETOWN DISTRICT LEAGUE.

ecutive, under the special direction of the President, Rev. Prof. Riddell, was one of the most complete that has yet been published in Canada. It was a booklet of forty-eight pages, adorned with a number of illustrations, and containing much valuable information on "How the Church is Governed," "the Educational Institutions of the Church," "history of the Epworth League," "missionary work of the church," etc. Five thousand copies of this programme were printed, and circulated among the Leagues of Manitoba.

The first session was held on Wednesday afternoon, September 3rd, with the consideration of "The Christian Life." A heart-searching and inspiring address was given on "Consecration," by Rev. J. C. Walker, followed by an excellent talk on "The Spirit-Filled Life," by Rev. W. A. Cooke, B.A.

The monthly Consecration Meeting was discussed by Rev. H. Wigle, B.A. The following were some of the valuable suggestions made:

The Consecration meeting should be one of the liveliest and most interesting

done among the foreigners coming into Manitoba and the Northwest.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary, made a stirring address, having special reference to the Young People's Forward Movement for Missions," which he most heartily commended. He thought that those who opposed it were not thoroughly familiar with its spirit and methods. He believed it to be a thoroughly sane movement, with nothing fanatical about it, and deserving of the sympathetic and wise guidance of the pastors. He regarded the money raised by the Epworth Leagues as what might be termed "found money." We have struck a mine which was never before worked, and the general fund has been relieved to the extent of thousands of dollars.

Several of the speakers for the Wednesday morning did not put in an appearance on account of a delayed train, but the time was profitably filled. Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, of Hamilton, Ont., gave an exceedingly interesting and racy talk on social work, and Dr. F. C. Stephenson spoke some stirring words on missionary

work. That the various districts of the Conference be grouped for the support of a missionary as follows, each group to have its own representative in the field:

(1) Winnipeg and Port Arthur; (2) Carman; (3) Crystal City, Deloraine, and Souris; (4) Portage la Prairie and Brandon; (5) Neepawa, Dauphin, and Birtle; (6) Moosomin and Regina; (7) Calgary and Edmonton.

That in the choosing of a missionary the several districts consult the conference executive.

That when there is no district organization, the matter of arrangement for missionaries remain in the hands of the conference executive.

That where there is a combination of districts in which all are not organized, the arrangements for the missionary rest with the district where organized, and that the representatives of those districts appointed by the financial district meeting, act on the executive of the district where such organization exists.

That in the case where all the districts are organized, the order of the