

Deserved It.

We are pleased to note that the attendants at the Summer School in Toronto, presented Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson with a sum of money to enable them to attend the General Conference at Winnipeg. Never was such recognition more thoroughly deserved. The Doctor and his wife have given themselves to the missionary movement with a zeal and consecration that is seldom equalled. All that they have and are has been freely given to this cause, with rare unselfishness. It is good to see that their efforts are appreciated.

Improved the Church.

The Epworth League at Melita, Man., went into partnership with the Ladies Aid Society, and fixed up the church. The basement had been almost useless for some time, but is now fitted up in good style, so that prayer and League meetings have been held in it. The cost of the improvements was \$413, and the League has become responsible for one half of this sum.

A Topic Social, under the auspices of the Social Department, recently brought 150 people out, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Quite a number of the Melita Leaguers drove over to Napinka, to hear Rev. A. C. Crews, when he spoke there.

Carman District.

At the last meeting of the Carman District League, held at Roland, Man., the following officers were elected:

Hon. President—Rev. Dr. Maclean, Carman.
President—Rev. W. A. Cooke, B.A., Cypress River.
1st Vice-Pres.—J. W. Van Norman, Jr., Roland.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Rev. J. C. Switzer, Holland.
3rd Vice-Pres.—Dr. McLaughlin, Carman.
4th Vice-Pres.—Mrs. W. H. Moore, Glenboro.
5th Vice-Pres.—Mrs. J. J. Crookshanks, Miami.
Secretary—Rev. R. E. Spence, Glenboro.
Treasurer—William Brock, Treherne.

Officers Installed.

The Epworth League at Cypress River, Man., although not very strong numerically, yet a number seem determined to make this year in our League the banner year, as far as the past may be taken into account.

We were favored with a call from Rev. A. C. Crews, in his trip through the Province. On Saturday, July 5th, he spoke to us on, "Through the Mammoth Cave with Two Hundred Epworth Leaguers." On Sunday afternoon he addressed the Sunday-school and in the evening preached to the young people of the congregation. At the close of the service he, in a few well-chosen words spoke to the new officers of the League. This took the form of an initiation service, and we believe the first of its kind held in Canada. If not the first in the movement of C. E. or E. L. work. We all feel grateful to Mr. Crews for his very helpful words while among us.

R. T. McCM.

The Toronto West District League has published a very attractive letter-head, which contains a full list of the District Officers, and photographs of the missionaries supported by the District. Rev. W. J. Mortimore, M.A., China, and Mr. T. C. Thom, of British Columbia.

Just a Line or Two.

The Montreal Conference Sunday-school Report strongly favored Normal Course work for teachers. It also recommended the use of the Catechism.

The League at Trinity Church, Springfield Circuit, supplied the Pastor's place on Conference Sunday, and gave a really unique and helpful programme.

The Junior League at Durham has an average attendance of 58. This League has given \$4.00 to assist the Sunday-school in purchasing a new bookcase.

The pastor of Main Street Church, Picton, thinks that few Leagues keep more alive than his own. The attendance is good, and the interest well sustained.

The Brighton Epworth League has a lacrosse club, which recently played the town club. The ability of the players seemed to be so equally divided that neither side scored.

The Galt Epworth League was favored with a fine address from Miss M. E. Sherwood, previous to her departure for the Upper Skeena, B.C., where she is to work as a missionary nurse.

Two new Leagues have been organized on the Queensville Circuit, one at Queensville and the other at Ravenshoe. The pastor wants them to live, and so is introducing The Epworth Era at the very start.

AN Anniversary Contribution of FIVE NEW SUBSCRIBERS to the "Canadian Epworth Era" is asked from every League in Canada. Let this be the minimum, and go as far beyond it as possible. Sunday, Oct. 12th, is Anniversary Day.

The Manitoba C. E. Union conducts a column in the Winnipeg Free Press every week. In addition to some practical suggestions on the topic, there are usually a number of interesting news items.

There is quite a revival of interest in League work at Merrittton. A gentleman the other evening, on seeing the young people streaming in to the League meeting, asked: "What is going on? Is there a concert in the church?"

The Training of New Converts.

There is no more important work committed to the church than the proper care and nurture of those who have recently accepted Christ. Because of neglect just here, many have drifted away from the house of God, and instead of being useful members of the church, are almost a hindrance to her progress.

If this service be rightly performed, it will not matter what the age of the convert may be, nor what his past record in life; he may easily be held and trained for a life of blessing. We frequently hear church members say, concerning recent converts: "We will see how they hold out," and if they stand well, they say nothing, while if they should fall by the wayside, they may be heard to say: "It is just as I expected." This is an unchristian speech, and shows anything but the spirit of Christ, who said: "Feed my lambs."

It is every Christian's duty to help

"hold out" faithful to the end those who are but babes in Christ. Certain principles, however, ought to be borne in mind in the work of training.

The new members of the church will naturally absorb the spirit of the old members. If the church is worldly, they will become worldly, while if it is spiritual, they will naturally partake of the same character.

The young convert longs for the sympathy and help the older Christian may give him. There is no time in all the experience of the child of God when he will more gladly receive instruction than when he has taken his first step in the light. The following suggestions may be made, among scores of others, as to his training:

Create in his mind a desire to know God's word. Some simple suggestions may be made as to Bible study, such as study one new verse of Scripture daily. Commit to memory a whole book, like Ephesians or Hebrews. Put into practice the promises of the Bible. Live by the day its principles and teachings.

Make him understand his responsibility to the church. Its services, to attend them. Its prayer-meetings, never to be absent without an excuse which could be given to Christ's support. No Christian really grows until he knows the grace of giving. The peculiar doctrines of the church should be taught him. He ought to know why he is a member of this particular church. Stir his soul with a desire to help others. This stimulates his own growth.

Teach him at once that he may be filled with the Holy Ghost. This is his birthright in Christ. This is the secret of victory over self and sin. This is the secret of Bible study. This is the real inspiration to service. This is the joy of service.—Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., in United Brethren Quarterly Review.

The Roosevelt Boys.

Being a President's son must be something of a task, although the Roosevelt boys are hardly conscious of the difficulties of the position. It is a great thing to escape from living in high places without a trace of snobbery; but the following story of young Archie Roosevelt shows that his father is not going to have his son spoiled if he will help it.

Archie happened to be at the house of one of his schoolmates one afternoon, when a certain fine lady of Washington was calling there. On being told that the lad was the son of the President, and that he attended the public school, the visitor began putting questions to him about his studies. Archie stood this well enough, and answered straightforwardly. But presently the lady ventured upon less safe ground.

"Do you like a public school?" said she. "Don't you find that many of the boys there are rough and common?"

Then Archie showed his training, and unconsciously administered to the aristocrat something of a rebuke. "My papa says," he remarked, emphatically, "that there are tall boys and short boys, and good boys and bad boys, and those are the only kinds of boys there are."

Commercial Education.

The new catalogue of the Central Business College, Toronto, which has just been issued, reflects to some extent the popularity of the subject. It shows that 763 pupils registered in that College during the eleven months ending July 31st. This very liberal patronage bestowed upon the school in question must also be taken as an indication of the excellent reputations that College has won for its thorough work and for the success of its students and graduates.