

will have regard for this side of the work.

S. S. SECRETARY—I should be very glad to co-operate with such a committee.

PRESIDENT—Are you ready for this motion? All who favor its adoption, please signify. Carried unanimously.

Is there any unfinished business?

TREASURER—Your bill still remains unpaid, Mr. President, and I regret very much to say that there are no funds on hand. I am hoping that the new plan which I have to submit to-day will obviate this difficulty in future, and that your bill, sir, will be paid shortly.

PRESIDENT—That will be quite satisfactory. Is there any further unfinished business, Mr. Secretary? I might also say that the Committee appointed for the preparation of the programme for the Annual Convention is making some progress, and hopes to work out something which will prove helpful and interesting.

SECRETARY—I think there is nothing further under the head of unfinished business.

PRESIDENT—Is there any new business? We have before us several communications, and it is now in order for the Executive to deal with them. Here is a letter from Samuel Fairfax, President of the Endeavor Conference League, calling our attention to Summer Schools, closer relations between the District League and the Conference League, and the possibilities of co-operation between the Sunday School and Epworth League. What shall we do with these recommendations?

LITERARY VICE-PRES.—I think the adoption of the report of the Committee on Summer Schools meets the reference to that line of work.

TREASURER—It seems to me that the idea of closer relations between the District League and the Conference League is a good one. I understand that the District Representative very seldom attends the Conference Executive. Consequently, there is scarcely any connection between them. In order to establish this relation, I would move that this Executive recommend the election of the President of the District League for the time being as representative of the District to the Conference League, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Conference League Secretary. In order that the recommendation may be handed to the other Districts of the Conference.

SOCIAL VICE-PRES.—I am somewhat loath to second the motion, as our own representative has been exceedingly loyal to the Conference League, but from what he has said tonight he is the only representative who attends, and consequently I second the motion.

PRESIDENT—Does this motion meet with your favor?

MEMBERS—Carried.

PRESIDENT—We have here a letter from George Hopeful, Secretary of the Endeavor Conference League, in respect to the Biennial Convention next fall, and asking for suggestions for the programme, etc.

1st VICE-PRES.—I move, Mr. President, that the Secretary be instructed to write Mr. Hopeful, promising our sympathy and co-operation in the Convention, and guaranteeing an attendance of twenty-five members from our District, and that we recommend strongly that the programme deal with big things in a practical way. I for one think that we as Leaguers deal too much with trivial matters, and do not appreciate sufficiently our opportunities and advantages in this age.

5th VICE-PRES.—I second the motion.

PRESIDENT—If you favor this motion, please signify.

Carried.

PRESIDENT—Shall we take any action in respect of the letter of Charles Worker, Secretary of Sparke River League, in connection with the establishment of a District reference library for the use of Sunday School and Epworth League leaders and workers?

LITERARY VICE-PRES.—I appreciate the fact that there are some difficulties in the way of the establishment of such a library, especially as we are a rural District. However, I shall be prepared to co-operate with the Sunday School Secretary to advertise and look after the books if they are secured.

TREASURER—Mr. President, we cannot secure these books without funds, and so far as I can see we have no way of raising money at the present time. Would it not be better to appoint a committee to investigate the need, and how the need might be met, and report to a special meeting of the Executive. In fact, I will move that a committee, consisting of yourself and the Literary Vice-President, be appointed to co-operate with the District Sunday School Secretary to do this.

MISSIONARY VICE-PRESIDENT—I second the motion, and would ask the Committee not to forget missions.

1st VICE-PRES.—While I endorse the motion heartily, I would ask the Committee to especially consider the possibility of securing text-books which might assist us as a District in the study of the Bible, and pamphlets which would aid us in look-out work.

PRESIDENT—I take it for granted that the need of all departments will be fully considered by this Committee.

MEMBERS—Carried.

PRESIDENT—James Rally, Associate Secretary of the Sunday School and Epworth League Standing Committee, has a letter here which calls our attention to the five-year policy which was adopted by the Sunday School and Epworth League Institute, at the Metropolitan Church in April, 1908. What shall we do with this letter? Perhaps it might be well to ask the Secretary to read this policy.

SECRETARY reads:

Sunday School and Epworth League Institute, Metropolitan Church, Toronto, April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1908.

"Suggestions for a Five-Year Policy for the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues of Toronto Conference."

We, the delegates and representatives of the various Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues of Toronto Conference, assembled in this Sunday School and Epworth League Institute, believing that we should jointly and severally take a forward step in the several departments, and believing that to this end we should have in mind aims and lines of policy which are at once sane, practical and statesmanlike, do hereby undertake, God being our helper, to carry into actual realization, wherever possible, during the next five years, the following suggestions:

1. To establish at least one Bible Study Class supplementary to the International Lesson service in every church.
2. To plan and carry into effect an aggressive Missionary campaign, involving the realization of the following suggestions:

- (a) To organize the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues and other Young People's Societies not yet touched by the Forward Movement along the lines of "Pray, Study, Give."
- (b) To organize and establish at least one Mission Study Class in every church.
- (c) To increase our united givings

through the Forward Movement at least 20 per cent. every year.

- (d) To consider more thoughtfully and prayerfully our individual relation and responsibility to definite personal work, the ministry of our Church in all its branches, and the great Missionary enterprise at home and abroad.

3. To organize in every church and continue a normal training class, comprising members of the Sunday School and Epworth League, with a view to their work in the Sunday School.

4. To organize and instruct in every church Catechumen Classes among the juniors of our schools and Leagues, and to introduce wherever advisable a Junior Department in the League, for the purpose of bringing our boys and girls into active church membership.

5. To organize and establish in every Sunday School the Adult Bible Classes, along the lines of the A. B. C. Movement.

6. To perfect our Look-out Department in the League and the school, and wherever expedient to organize a joint Look-out Board in every church, whose duty it shall be, in co-operation with the pastor, to take charge of the Look-out work of such church.

7. To make in every church at least for the beginnings of such a library for adults as might be a benefit to all Sunday School and Epworth League workers, and to pursue, through the Literary Department, such courses of study as will contribute to our culture and development along lines of Christian citizenship.

8. To strengthen our Social Department in such a way as to intensify our interest in the solution of the social problems which confront us, having special regard to the prosecution of temperance and moral reform.
9. To systematically and continuously pray for God's blessing upon our joint and several efforts in the extension of His Kingdom, and to do everything in our power to encourage co-operation between the Sunday School and Epworth Leagues along the lines above suggested, and in every department of Christian work.

PRESIDENT—I feel that this is something definite and concrete that we might carry out in our own District during the five-year period. Shall we attempt it?

S. S. SECRETARY—If you will permit me, Mr. President, I would say that insofar as I can be of any assistance in realizing this policy, I shall gladly do so, and moreover, shall gladly co-operate with you or any of the Committee which you may feel disposed to appoint, to extend this work along the lines mentioned in the policy.

MISSIONARY VICE-PRES.—Mr. President, I move that we adopt this policy as our District Policy, and that each of the President and Sunday School and Epworth Leagues be a committee to carry out the policy, as a committee, to carry out the policy.

LITERARY VICE-PRES.—I second this motion, and shall certainly do my best to see it through.

PRESIDENT—All who favor the adoption of this policy, and will guarantee to give their active support, please rise.

(Motion carried by standing vote.)

PRESIDENT—There remains the letter of Dr. P. T. Stephenson, in respect of summer campaign work. What is your pleasure in this matter?

2nd VICE-PRES.—I think we should not adjourn without taking some definite action herein. As I have already indicated, we hope to launch out upon broader lines next year, and I think it would be fine to open our work by a big Missionary campaign. I would, therefore, move that the President, and, if I may sug-