

will be useful for literary evenings at any time.

4. *The Life of John Wesley*. About 75 choice colored slides, illustrating the career and labors of the Founder of Methodism.

5. *The Life of Martin Luther*. A set of about 50, similar to the above, dealing with the great reformer.

6. A mixed programme. 100 slides in various sections or parts, e.g., (1) Among the sealers of Newfoundland; (2) "Enoch Arden"; (3) "The Village Blacksmith" (poem); (4) "Excelsior" (poem), and similar subject matter—in all providing a capital evening's programme.

Additions will be made to these sets as time progresses. In each case, either type-written or printed descriptions will accompany the views, and no trouble need be experienced in presenting the whole both artistically and entertainingly.

Our desire is to place within reach of all, even the purely country Leagues, an equipment which can be used with pleasure and profit anywhere, and at a minimum of cost. Further particulars will be cheerfully given to all enquirers by letter.

Note.—This announcement is sufficient for the present, and will test whether or not our Societies with reasonable distance of the General Offices desire to improve the privileges and opportunities herein offered them. Address in every case the General Secretary and Editor, Wesley Buildings, Toronto.

### Some Good Things to Come

We shall endeavor in every issue of our paper to present to our readers an attractive and wholesome bill of fare. We do not expect to please everybody. No editor ever did that. But we shall try to profit all who read our pages. The "Men of Whom You Ought to Know" and "Seasonable Canadian Scenes" will run through the year. Look for some splendid pictures of Dr. Burwash and of Victoria College next month, and keep your eye open for "The Harvest of the Snow." It is surely coming. Next month we begin a series of articles graphically describing a tour through Luther's country, written by Rev. F. E. Mallott, who recently spent several months in Germany. They will be finely illustrated. The junior pages will contain bright and happy faces of some of our little folk as the Editor is privileged to see them through the eye of his camera on his rounds from place to place. A number of excellent articles dealing with the practical side of Sunday School and Epworth League work are already in type, and will be given as opportunity occurs. Announcement will soon be made as to the Weekly Topics for 1913-14. We shall welcome any suggestions as to this list for our young people's meetings. We call attention to pages 18 to 22 in this issue. The Dialogue there given will be found practicable to many of our societies, and as frequently as possible we shall give something similar

in purpose. Altogether we feel justified in promising twelve good issues if our plans prevail, and trust our friends will do their part to maintain the interest and steadily increase the circulation of our paper.

### A Hive of Be's

A friend in Stayner tells in a letter of a programme held there some time ago. It was entitled "A Hive of Be's." She says, "We made our programme cards the shape of hives, decorated them with pictures of bees, and tied them with yellow ribbon. These cards were distributed to the members as they came into the room. As each person had a programme there was no need of calling out the names of those taking part." A number of papers were read. Be polite, be prompt, be true, be prudent were subjects treated in order. One of these, the first named, we are pleased to give on page thirteen in this number. It can be easily seen how interesting and practically suggestive such an evening's programme may be if pains be taken with its preparation. The very emblem of the evening—a beehive—suggests busy workers, and as with honey so with the wholesome sweetness of an Epworth League, where all are industrious and united, there is no lack. But bees have no place for drones inside the hive, and even so the League is no place for any one so simply put in the time living on others.

## Men of Whom You Ought to Know

### District Essay Contest

In the March number of this paper, Essay Contests to include the whole District were recommended by Mr. Howie in his article on Literary Evenings in the League. At least one District has reported on this plan, and the following extract from a letter received from the President of the District League (Wiaraton) will make the method clear. Mr. Alken says, "After our Convention last year, I called the Executive together and asked that each District Vice-President carry out some definite work to help the local Leagues. Under the guidance of Mrs. C. F. Foster, Literary Vice-President, we decided to carry out the Essay Contest as suggested in the Era. Each local League was requested to have an Essay Contest among themselves, using the subjects suggested by the District officer. These essays were to be judged locally, and the best essay was to be sent on to the District Convention in competition with the others. The District gave a prize for the best essay received. A number of splendid essays were forwarded, and the prize was awarded to Miss Walpole of the Oxenden League, for her essay on 'What can I do in a general way to make my country better and brighter?' The reading of the prize essays from the local Leagues makes a splendid Literary Evening for the District. We intend to try this plan again."

We strongly recommend this plan to all Districts, and if we find that any number of District Third Vice-Presidents are taking the matter up and working it through their territory, we shall be pleased to recommend that the General Board award a suitable prize to the writer of the best essay submitted out of the whole. The General Secretary and Editor will be delighted to hear from any District Executive on this matter. Your District will be the gainer if your young people enter heartily into such a friendly competition as the Wiaraton District has just concluded. Miss Walpole's essay will be found on page twelve of this paper.



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