

big things "a-doin'" for the Sunday School. Meanwhile let the young people stand by their guns and their present organizations. At the same time let them effect radical changes at the earliest possible moment in purpose, plans, organizations, and methods of activity.

I was going to say S. But, there—I am reminded of the Editor's advice: "Make it as long as you can make it interesting."

And I have violated the principle involved.

But, readers, you will forgive me, you

know, for Sunday School and Young People's work is a great theme, and I am deeply interested. My tithy has left you in the ditch. Don't stay there. I have the "teenthly" in the outline before me. It might help to pull you out. If the Editor is good enough to permit we might finish this discussion in some future issue. Meanwhile let us remember constantly that Canada and the world—the Kingdom calls for our best service in this year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirteen.

the Convention, and brought and received greetings. He paid a high tribute to our old friend, Wesley Stuart, now of Vancouver, formerly of Maryland Church, Winnipeg, and a missionary live coal worker.

Mr. R. Fairless, president of Zion Church League, gave the delegates a cordial and thoughtful word of welcome. His words were well welcomed before spoken, and were worth hearing.

Young People's Societies are not "dying out," thinks Mr. A. R. Wally, of the C. E. Union, because they are increasing at the rate of 350 per month in the world. Good reason for stronger faith!

Our Conference Convention is to join with C. E. Union to press for the International C. E. Convention in Winnipeg, in 1915. That means "20,000 Christian men and women coming into the city," said someone. Well worth trying for!

Moving picture shows of a certain type got some severe knocking. The censorship ought to cover the province, not Winnipeg alone. If it doesn't, there will be more tragedies than ever.

The name of T. A. Briggs, of Killarney, was often mentioned at the Convention. He is one of the Convention officers, and was right on his job in making preparations for a successful Convention. He designed the prize banner mentioned above. Illness prevented his attendance this year.

The "League of Worshipping Children" came under consideration. Rev. Chas. Morgan reported such an organization in his church (Rosedale, Winnipeg), with good results. The idea is well worthy of our best thought.

Dr. E. W. Halpeny gave a few moments' interesting discussion to "Scientific Temperance Instruction." He doesn't favor the physiological arguments in teaching children, nor does he approve of teaching that the use of alcohol is everywhere and always harmful. His summary was thus: The medical profession believes today that alcohol has a place along with other drugs, but does not regard it as fit to be used in a social way. The social evils of alcohol, he thinks, ought to be taught.

Mrs. A. H. Oakes urged the use of quotations about a life of temperance, temperance proverbs, opinions of great men, temperance books, periodicals, etc., in giving instruction in that line.

Mrs. Jno. Wallace, of "McDougall," Winnipeg, kept the Convention in good humor while she drove home a few good lessons on "Scientific Temperance Instruction." She has been superintendent of a "Loyal Temperance Legion" Chapter for many years.

"Encouraging" was the word used concerning the reports of the young people's work. "Forward into battle," then.

It was a pleasure and satisfaction to the Manitoba workers to have Rev. S. T. Bartlett, General Secretary, present throughout. He put in several days' campaigning previous to the Convention at Brandon, Hamiota, Portage, Neepawa, Arden and Franklin. For wise counsel and tactful oversight he has no superior as a leader. Always on hand, but never in the way!

Prof. Allen recommends a ten-year educational campaign concerning the evils of temperance. "Put in several days' campaigning to be a professor! Education and legislation stand or fall together. Public sentiment is vapid without law. One is soul, the other body!"

Not only how well you can preach or teach, but how well you can pray, measures your success, said Rev. G. H. Peacock at one of the devotional hours.

Manitoba Convention Notes

Date, Feb. 3-5. Place, Zion Church, Winnipeg

REV. R. O. ARMSTRONG, M.A., VIRDEN, MAN.

Rev. Dr. Cooke, our representative to the General Board of E. L. and S. S. work, is pastor of this church. Both he and his amiable wife were royal in their welcome. The general comment was that Winnipeg as a whole never gave the Convention more cordial treatment. The billeting was complete, and luncheons were served each evening in the basement of the church. Thus the delegates had a splendid opportunity for cultivating the social spirit and forming a closer acquaintance-comradeship.

ATTENDANCE.

The registered attendance was 360. Of this number 212 were from outside of the city. The public audiences were splendid, and the enthusiasm rose higher each day.

PROGRAMME.

Behind the Convention was an executive which believed in the work, and believed that the best was none too good. They worked grace and common sense together in making out the programme. It was "four square"—and, sane and sensible. The evening meetings, especially were well arranged. Rev. Dr. Salton, of Moose Jaw, was unable to be present. His place was ably taken by our General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Crummy and Rev. Prof. Billings, of Wesley College. Dr. Crummy, Monday evening; Prof. Frank Allen, Tuesday evening; and Rev. Dr. Bland, Wednesday evening! They were all at their best. It would be hard to beat a "rink" like that.

The Convention theme was "The Demands of To-day." Hence we had: "The Demand of the S. S. upon the Pastor," by Rev. R. L. McTavish; "The Demand of the Church upon Her Young People," by Rev. M. Doyle; "The Demand of the Scholar upon the Teacher," by Mrs. G. N. Jackson; "The Demand of the Child," taken by Rev. S. T. Bartlett; "The Demand of the State," by Prof. F. Allen; "Scientific Temperance Instruction in Sunday Schools," by Mrs. A. H. Oakes; "The Demands of China" were laid before the Convention by Rev. J. W. R. Henderson, one of our missionaries on furlough.

MUSIC

The musical part of the programme was in charge of Dr. Geo. A. Brown, choir leader at Zion Church. He is a lover of music and a devoted friend of the church which he attends. His part was done with great satisfaction. The music was well interspersed between addresses and essays, not only in the evenings, but throughout the day sessions. For a successful hour of worship or a convention give us good music!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Rev. R. E. McCullagh, president, in his "message" emphasized the dignity of the young people's work, the need of a better vision of the potentialities of our boys and girls, more junior societies, and more

for missions. At present we support only twelve missionaries. That isn't very creditable for a wealthy part of the world like this, is it?

THE NEW FIELD SECRETARY.

The Convention lined up solidly behind the new Field Secretary, Rev. Manson Doyle (he has a good name), who will take up his work next July. One man alone cannot do much; he can do something, to be sure, but when he has 300 or 3,000 "sacreds" look out! Bro. Doyle expressed his deep appreciation of the support offered by his fellow-workers, and will no doubt draw on them to make good their promises in due time. Success to him in his great work.

A prize banner was offered to the District making the highest record on the following points:

(1) Largest number of delegates at the Convention. (2) Largest amount given to missions by the E. L.'s and S. S.'s. (3) The largest number uniting with the church and becoming active members of the Leagues.

The result of this was figured out by Rev. W. B. Allison, and showed that Carman District, at 70.2 points, had won the banner. Birtle was a close second with 69 points; the secretary of the Convention, Rev. W. A. McKim Young, is chairman of Birtle District). Then came Neepawa, 49 points; Roland, 39; Crystal City, 34. "The rest were scattered."

HERE AND THERE.

The executive sent out 185 letters to the pastors about this Convention work, and received 183 answers. The other two were away. "Since the world began" was there a better record?

Every League reported C. E. department in operation, and a growing interest in the citizenship department.

Bethel Young People's Society, Hartney Circuit, reports 100 per cent. of the young people in the League.

One League held a "mock" municipal council, and suggested some reforms to the real council, which forthwith took the hint.

There are 145 Leagues in the Conference. The best Leagues use the regular programmes.

The "Week of Evangelism" for last year is to be changed into "Personal Work" hands this year. That means a campaign for fifty-two weeks.

Report had it that the recreations of our young people were being more dominated by intellectual influences. There is need of it. It is surely time to slough off all vestiges of barbarism.

Finances were in a very healthy condition—good surplus in treasury. That means larger plans. A Christian organization has no right with a surplus.

Mr. W. C. Findlay, of Vancouver, secretary of B. C. Conference League, was at