

From the Field

Evening With the Chinese.

"The Evening with John Chinaman," held under the auspices of the Epworth League, at Sault Ste. Marie, was a great success. The largest audience that ever filled the church for an entertainment was in attendance, and everybody was pleased. The lecture was given by the pastor, Rev. E. I. Hart, B.A., assisted by several members of the League. The young ladies of the Missionary Committee were dressed in Chinese costumes, which they had made themselves, and it is said that "they looked very pretty and becoming."

We have pleasure in presenting a photograph of those who took part in the programme in their Chinese robes. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Hart, is dressed like a Taoist priest, and Mr. Harwell, and Mr.

manifest, as it was indeed in every session of the school. Mrs. Stephenson, whom it is always a delight to hear, on Monday and Tuesday, gave five of her talks, which are so full of information and inspiration, and which bring the missionary representatives on the field so close to the workers at home. Large framed pictures of Rev. S. D. Gaudin, of Nelson House, were on sale, and found many purchasers, thus intensifying the interest in our own representative. Dr. Woodsworth and Dr. John McLaughlin, superintendent of Indian missions in Manitoba and the North-West, gave the principal addresses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Beside being intensely missionary, these gentlemen (who know the North-West better than any other living men), are intensely patriotic, and, as we listened, all hearts were stirred with patriotism and pride in our great Canadian heritage, and with a sense of the great privilege and responsibility that is ours to win this great

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Hamota Circuit, Manitoba.

The Epworth Leagues on the Hamiota Circuit are making definite progress along the line of improvements. The League at Chumash conducts an occasional service for its pastor, Rev. S. P. Riddell, and holds its meetings every Sunday night, thus securing the interest of the young people when they have no place else to go on a Sunday evening. Since they adopted this plan we have a better attendance at regular preaching service. Every member of the League works with their President, Miss Jennie Kirk, who is doing a splendid work for the church at this appointment.

At Oak River we have organized a Reading Circle. Dr. S. J. Kirk is giving a series of lectures on "Nature's Miracles." Reeve R. C. Cochrane has given a number of addresses on "Lessons in Life." Miss L. Shier is taking up "Our Church." Many kind expressions are repeated concerning this Reading Circle. One is, "It is the best thing we have had in connection with the church." The Circle meets every Monday in one of the homes of its members.
At Hamiota the League is not so large in numbers as formerly on account of removals, but the momentum of its force is just as great. They have fixed up and furnished the basement of the church, and instead of a big open space, we now have three beautiful parlors. The financing was undertaken by the League, and they are now within \$40 of having it all paid for. We have organized a Reading Circle, which meets in one of the parlors every Friday. Rev. S. P. Riddell is President of the Circle, and things go with a swing. Mr. Stephen Windsor, B.A., principal of the Public School, and a graduate of grand old Wesley College, Winnipeg, is a great help. He has the loyal spirit of all Wesley boys. Mr. Windsor is giving a series of lectures, based on "Nature's Miracles." Last week he gave us experiments on chemical affinity. Mr. Windsor is a born teacher. As he closed his lecture last week there was a great affinity between each member of the League and the great God of heaven, who has created all things.

Owen Sound District.

The Owen Sound District Convention met at Fisherton on Tuesday, January 26, and was considered by some of the oldest pastors present one of the best conventions they had ever attended.

The Rev. G. R. Turk preached the convention sermon from Acts 19, 2, "He did unto them, as he felt that there was a great short since ye believed." A splendid paper on "Needs of the Society," by Mrs. May Rutherford, was read.

Rev. W. F. Roach gave a strong and stirring address on "The Epworth League and the Young Men." And also Rev. C. T. Conroy, the president, gave an address on "My Part in the World's Evangelism." This was one of the most efficient talks, and stirred up the missionary spirit.

Mrs. W. H. Thurston conducted the open conference on "The Forward Movement for Missions," out of which came the motion, "That, if it is deemed practicable by the Leagues in the districts



"CHINESE" LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AT SAULT STE MARIE.

Hutchinson are attired as Buddhist priests.

A short musical programme was given after Mr. Hart's lecture on "John Chinaman," and refreshments were served in Chinese style, consisting of rice cakes, tea, without sugar or milk, etc. All who took part in the programme, and also the waiters, were dressed in Chinese costumes. Quite a lot of money was realized by the entertainment.

Winter School and Convention.

The Third Annual Winter School and Convention of the Welland District was held at South Cayuga, January 17th to 21st. The annual missionary anniversary of the circuit was held on Sunday, 17th, when Mrs. F. C. Stephenson, of Toronto, and Dr. Woodsworth, superintendent of Domestic Missions in Manitoba and the North-West, gave earnest and inspiring addresses to large and appreciative audiences.

On Monday afternoon, the president of the district, Rev. A. D. Robb, conducted the very helpful devotional service, which opened the school proper. In this service the presence of the Holy Spirit was very

country for Christ. Rev. H. S. Dougall, M.A., B.D., Merritt, president of the Hamilton Conference Epworth Leagues, conducted a synthetic study of the Book of Genesis, which he presented in five lessons. Mr. Dougall is an adept in the work, and his lessons were of absorbing interest and helpfulness, and were eagerly and intently followed by all. Mr. Dougall also conducted a Round Table on "The Young Man Problem," and gave an inspiring evening address, both filled with many happy and practical points.

Missionary book reviews, open parlaments on various phases of missionary and League work, and studies in the work of the Holy Spirit in missions, Bible study and League, were in charge of capable local workers and were all most practical and helpful. Rev. C. M. Marshall, of Smithville, was also most helpful in his presence and counsel. The number of delegates to our Winter School is steadily increasing, and we are glad to report that Welland District is moving steadily "onward and upward" for the League and missions.

The new officers are as follows:
Hon. Pres., Rev. G. W. Calvert, Welland.
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