

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

From the General Secretary's Note-Book

The past month has been full of labors. The increasing duties of the office have made many demands on time and thought, and the utmost work possible has been done on the road.

A pleasant evening was spent in a union meeting at Euclid Avenue, Toronto, when adults and juniors met together in a happy League service. Much interest was manifested in the report of the General Conference action as given by the speaker, who explained the changes and new provisions made for the betterment of the young people's work.

Epworth League Anniversary Services and Sunday School Rally were enjoyed with the Askin Street, London, friends. Splendid congregations greeted the preacher and an excellent assemblage—the largest in the history of the school—united in an inspiring rally. Evidently the work is growing in both numbers and influence in this magnificent church.

The Chatham District Sunday School and Epworth League Convention at Blenheim was marked by heartiness and zeal. The sessions were entered into with enthusiasm and a spirit of devotion was very evident. The officers elect for the District League are: Hon. Pres., Rev. W. G. H. McAllister; Pres., A. E. Hopper, Dawn Mills; 1st Vice-President, Rev. J. E. Hunter, Tupperville; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Nellie Hicks, Dresden;

unusually large number of pressing office duties made it impracticable.

A Sunday was spent at Dundas and profitable services were much enjoyed. A striking example of the interest and influence of a real live Men's League was seen when at 10 a.m. some thirty or more men gathered for an hour previous to morning service for mutual counsel, encouragement and help. The pastor, who is evidently much beloved and trusted by these men, was present and gave an address on some of the lessons learned on the return trip from General Conference. These men are regular in attendance and that they come on principle was proven by an incident that came out during the meeting. The Epworth League of the church had asked the Men's League to give them a service some Monday evening, and the suggestion seemed to convey the idea of transferring the Sunday morning meeting to the Monday evening on the occasion of the proposed visit. But several of the members openly opposed the plan, and while glad of the opportunity to help the Epworth League on Monday night were very pronounced in their views as to retaining their Sunday morning gathering. They certainly did not want any excuse for cancelling their own meeting. Such a Sunday morning service, while not held exactly as an old-time class-meeting, most emphatically supplies the needs of the men and is a great factor in preserving the highest character and life of the church. It is now in its third year and under the wise leadership of President Davidson has

A Sunday at Grimsby was most heartily enjoyed. Two sermons and two addresses comprised the public work of a busy yet happy day. The congregations were appreciative and a large measure of evident prosperity is accruing from the steady and faithful work of pastor and official staff in both Sunday School and Epworth League. The workers are both alive and active in this beautiful orchard town, and prospects are very bright for a most profitable winter season in the work of the church.

The following evening was profitably spent with the Epworth Leaguers of the Centennial Church, London. The legislation of the General Conference was explained, and at the close of the meeting, under the wise direction of the Pastor, the Executive Committee rearranged its Departments so as to be at once in line with the revised Constitution.

The Strathroy District Convention at Petrolia was a gathering of more than usual force. Stirring addresses and live social Conferences were outstanding features of the Sessions, a fuller report of which will be given by the Secretary. Miss Currie, in our next number.

This hurried outline of three weeks' work on the field will give our readers some idea of the demands on the time and strength of the General Secretary. Add thereto the many and varied duties incident to the management of the General office and you will be able to estimate in some measure how he puts in his time.

Field Work

Since September 21st Mr. Farewell has been engaged in Eastern Ontario districts in S. S. Institute and E. L. Convention work in co-operation with the District



Dr. Crews, taken in the act of photographing this group, on the way to General Conference.



3rd Vice-President, Miss Grace Pickard, Kent Bridge; 4th Vice-President, Mr. G. W. Riseborough, Blenheim; 5th Vice-President, Mrs. E. Noxell, Chatham; Sec.-Treasurer, Rev. H. L. Humphrey, Merlin; Conference Representative, Rev. E. F. Armstrong, Chatham. The coming year should see much progress on this important district.

It was a matter of sincere regret to the secretary that he could not attend the Owen Sound Convention, but an

good prospects of a very successful season.

The Brampton District Convention was held under very inauspicious conditions. The rain was heavy and continuous. Still the sessions were helpful and the discussions of the work of the district, both past and prospective, were suggestive of an earnest purpose to achieve much for God. Brother Hartwell's addresses on China were most illuminative and instructive.

Chairmen, S. S. Secretaries and E. L. Presidents, as follows:

Pembroke District.—Rev. Melvin Taylor, Chairman; Rev. Geo. A. McIntosh, B.D., S. S. Secretary; Rev. J. D. Ellis, B.A., E. L. President; Perrinton, Sept. 21st, (S. S.); Renfrew, Sept. 22nd, (S. S.); Shawville, Sept. 23rd, (S. S.).

Perth District.—Rev. Silas J. Hughes, M.A., Chairman; Rev. John H. Miller, S. S. Secretary; Rev. John H. Miller, E. L. President; Almonte and Carleton Place, Sept. 25th, (S. S. and E. L.); Perth,

"Nothing can be more noble than the frank admission of a wrong."