

**Notes**

A Junior League, under the special care of the Pastor, Rev. Burns, was organized three months ago at Omenee, and is flourishing.

At Six Nations, Ont., Rev. Mr. Kendall has organized an Epworth League, and the outlook is bright. We wish him and his workers among the Indian young people great success.

Almalee St. League, Galt, Ont., report a year of increased membership, and increased contributions to the Epworth League of their church. Each department is aiming at greater achievements than before.

At Rock Chapel, Millgrove Circuit, an Epworth League was organized a short time ago, and believing they could do more efficient work if they subscribed for the ERA, subscriptions were sent for ten copies.

In Bridge St. Epworth League, Belleville, during the past year much attention has been given to Bible study, and more to prayer. The subject of missions has been systematically studied. The Fifth department of the League reports great progress.

The League of London District arranged that during June and July Rev. E. Hibbard, Missionary under appointment to China, would deliver illustrated lectures on the circuits. The district office also visited the Leagues with him and delivered addresses. Much good was accomplished.

"Ladies Night" at Bellefair Young Men's Club, Toronto, was a great success. Vocal and instrumental selections were given, and recitations. A debate was heartily participated in—Resolved, "The Pursuit is Better than Possession," the Epworth winning. An excellent illustration was given a large audience that woman could play her part as well as man, and that the League and Club could work harmoniously together.

A report from Fredericton, N.B., says:—"Our Adult League is filling a large part in the life of our Church. The Junior League is also flourishing. In the Epworth we are not taking up any definite line outside of religious instruction, and a training in our church history, and in the Epworth in Methodist institutions. While Seniors are being trained the nature of our civilization in those, our Juniors are also training in our church institutions."

One of the largest gatherings of Epworth Leagues ever assembled in Montreal met in St. James Methodist Church on the evening of May 27th, for their annual spring rally. A good musical programme was provided by the Verdun Methodist Church School, assisted by Mr. Kearns, violinist. Rev. J. Clarke Hotly addressed the Leaguers on loyalty to the church and church organizations. Rev. W. Ernest Baker emphasized "A consecrated membership."

Westmoreland Avenue League, Toronto, gave to missions this year \$601, an increase of \$148 over the previous year, and approximately the same ratio of increase, they are aiming at \$800 for this year. Will they realize it? Yes. Nor have their other departments been backward in comparison. The spirit of Christian Fellowship has been cultivated, the literary and fund-raising have been well looked after, while the programmes of the Citizenship Committee have had a positive tendency toward patriotism. The Junior League also reports a record year.

An encouraging letter was received some little time ago from the Epworth League of Vancouver District League. We quote from it: "All our departments are organized. We have efficient leaders in each, each trying to the best of their ability, to do something. We are endeavoring to put first things first. We have morning classes being organized as far as possible throughout the district. We have arranged for an evangelistic campaign among our Leaguers for six weeks. We are to meet in the six larger churches and hold a week of special services, and the Epworth League service to get some one to take a definite stand for Christ. In the Citizenship Department we are supporting Rev. D. V. Ganton on the mission boat that runs up the west coast to Alaska. We have mortgaged a debt of some \$800 due the estate of the late Dr. Robson on the old mission boat. We are aiming at two missions boats in the field next year."

The Citizenship Department is working in connection with the Epworth League. A special feature of our work also is the organization of Junior Leagues wherever possible. We try to have at least one meeting at least every two months or oftener, thus keeping in touch with all the societies. In our view, it is a real society for young people under 20 one evening took a definite stand for Christ. We feel the existence of our District League is justified. We hope more of our District Leagues will have similar notes of rejoicing to raise.

A striking illustration of the fact that even good men do not always agree or see eye to eye in matters of procedure comes recently to hand. One minister writes objecting to the frequent portraits of General Conference officers and another tells how his Epworth League greatly enjoyed a social evening with these men, anticipating our suggestion made last month. Never mind who the critic was; he spoke his mind honestly, no doubt; but in my judgment any society of young Methodists will be all the better for having some familiar acquaintanceship with the Departments of our church work and the men who are responsible therefor. It is Mr. McQuade, of Queensboro', Bay of Quinte Conference, who sends the following:

**OUTLINE PLAN FOR A SOCIAL EVENING.**

"The Social Department may plan a bright and helpful meeting by spending an evening with our Connexional Officers. First, make a collection of portraits or photographs of all the connexional officers; your Conference president; District chairman; your pastor and E. L. president. Most of these have appeared back numbers of the *Guardian*, the

*Era*, the *Outlook*; and the S. S. periodicals. Cut these out and mount them on cardboard or matting. Old covers of reports and catalogues make splendid mounts. Then clip from a calendar numbers from 1 up and paste a number with each picture, being careful not to use any number twice. Possibly your pastor can help you in learning the names of these officers, and he may have some portraits. Pin up the mounted pictures in prominent places in your Epworth League parlors.

On the evening of your meeting have someone (perhaps your pastor) give an address, naming the officers of our church, and clearly but briefly review the names. To fix this information questions might be asked by way of review.

Then follow the social hour. Those present are divided into groups of two, each group provided with a card ruled and each line numbered to correspond with the numbers on the pictures. They each visit the Connexional officers, guess their names, and write particulars on their card opposite the proper number. After sufficient time has been given, the proper names are read for each number, and the cards are tabulated."

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