

## From the Field.

### Montreal Young People.

The first general rally of the Methodist Young People's Societies of Montreal, since the re-organization under the District League Constitution, was held in St. James' Church on Thursday evening, January 30th, and was generally regarded as a decided success. Previous to the public gathering, the presidents and other officers of the city societies met together for supper in one of the parlors of the church, with Rev. A. C. Crews, General Secretary, as guest of the evening. A very pleasant time was spent. There was a very good attendance at the rally, and much interest manifested. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. Penrose Anglin, who made an appropriate address. Rev. Dr. Williams, who was unable to be present, sent a communication, congratulating the district upon their recent action.

Rev. A. C. Crews spoke on the general work of the League, and afterward conducted a Round Table Conference. Dr. F. C. Stephenson was also present, and made some remarks concerning the Missionary Department. His missionary literature was carefully examined at the close of the service.

### An Interesting Evening.

The Epworth League Reading Circle, of Compton, Que., recently invited all its friends to attend an open or public evening on "Japan." The gathering was held in the parsonage on Friday evening, January 31st, and sixty persons were present.

The following programme, well interspersed with vocal and instrumental selections, was rendered. Roll-call, answered by members with original poetry; essays, "The Country of Japan," Miss Moore; "The People of Japan," Miss Emma Craig; "Japanese Arts," Miss Edith Ives; "Japanese Religions," Miss Hutchinson; "Japanese Politics," Mr. C. G. Craig; "Education in Japan," Miss L. Robertson; "The Farming and Products of Japan," Miss M. Carbee; "The New Japan," Rev. A. E. Pates. The Circle sang a Japanese chorus, the words of which will be familiar to those who have read the book on Japan in this year's Reading Course:

"Amaterasu yen,  
Sho-toku senu sen,  
Iyeyasu,  
Nobunago Hojo,  
Hideooshi yedo,  
Kamakura Kwanto,  
Daimyo Chosu."

The tune to the above is the National Anthem. After the programme, refreshments were served, and a social time enjoyed. We had a delightful evening. No admission charged, no collection taken.

### Owen Sound District Convention.

In the thriving town of Markdale, in the beautiful and commodious Methodist church, of which Rev. Wm. Buchanan is the talented and much beloved pastor, the Leaguers of the Owen Sound District met in annual convention on Thursday, January 23rd. The weather was fine, the sleighing excellent, the attendance large, and the convention in every way a decided success.

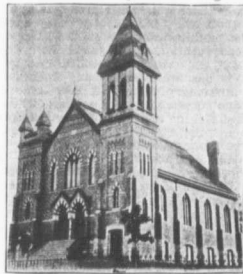
At the morning session, Rev. Dr. Langford, the chairman of the district, preached a thoughtful, impressive, and inspiring sermon, taking as his text John

15, 15. This was followed by a very happy consecration service, led by Rev. Wm. Buchanan.

At the afternoon session, an exceedingly bright, strong, pithy paper was read by Mr. David Hewitt, of Brookholm, on "The League as an Evangelizing Agency," in which he showed that the League should be the pastor's chief assistant.

The Rev. J. C. Speer, of Toronto, spoke very effectively on "The Problem of Amusement for Moral Improvement." His address was full of salient truth, and contained a vein of thought which, though somewhat new, is worthy of much careful consideration. It was shown that our young people will have entertainment, and the church has it in its power to provide the highest sort of entertainment at a small cost to the general public and a financial profit to itself.

Rev. C. H. Langford, missionary to the Galicians in Edmonton District, N.W.T., addressed the convention at both the afternoon and evening session. His description of the character and customs of the new settlers to whom he is ministering, proved very interesting, and his hearers were captivated by his earnest and convincing appeal. A spirited discussion on the Forward Movement, conducted by Rev. J. S. L. Wilson, B.D., the retiring president, resulted in a resolution pledging the district to an organized effort to raise at least \$400 for missions during the coming year. It is confident-



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ly expected that ere long, this district will have combined with some other district for the support of a missionary.

At the evening session, Rev. J. C. Speer delivered a masterly address on "The New Baby in the Old Cradle," in which wit, humor, and genuine eloquence abounded, and which was well punctuated with applause. The next convention will be held in Dundalk. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. R. White, Eugene Falls; 1st Vice-Pres., Mr. J. E. Crone, Markdale; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. H. Thurston, Fiesherston; 3rd Vice-Pres., Miss E. Hart, Owen Sound; 4th Vice-Pres., Mr. J. McIntyre, Dundalk; 5th Vice-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) F. W. Varley, Privetree; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss J. Stark, Owen Sound; Conference delegate, Rev. J. J. Sparling, B.A., Markdale. The success of the convention is an evidence that the League movement on the district is thoroughly alive.

### Unique Missionary Meeting.

A novel, interesting, and instructive missionary meeting was given under the auspices of the Brockville Leaguers in George Street Church, on January 16th. The Rev. G. S. Clendinning, with the help of other workers, gave "A Mimic Missionary Board Meeting." The plan con-

sisted of appointing a Missionary Board, ministers and leaguers were selected to represent our Missionary Board, assuming for the evening the names of the officers and members of the Board. From our periodicals and the Minutes of the Board meeting, information was gleaned which enabled those representing the Board members to discuss intelligently the different problems confronting the Board at the present time. It is expected that this Mimic Missionary Board will reproduce this very profitable missionary evening in Cornwall, and perhaps other places. We think this an excellent idea, and hope to hear of other Missionary Boards being organized in different churches for the study of the missionary problems of our Church.

### Anniversary.

The anniversary services of the Epworth League, Victoria Avenue, Chatham, were held on Sunday, January 19th. The Rev. James Livingstone, President of the Conference, was the preacher of the day, and it would be putting it very mild indeed to say that the sermons were of a very high order. The large congregations were both delighted and edified by them. On Monday evening he delivered his well-known and very popular lecture, "The Human Voice," which was certainly the best that a Chatham audience has had, the pleasure of listening to for a long time. The Epworth League in this place is doing a noble work in advancing the spiritual as well as the financial interests of the Church, and we thank God for the Christian zeal and energy of the young people. J. W. H.

### Sunday-school Convention.

The Annual Sunday-school Convention, of Nile Circuit was held in Nile Church, on Thursday, January 23rd, 1902. It was a grand success. Numerically the church was crowded; financially, all expenses were paid, and a surplus left; intellectually, it was a treat; and, spiritually, the Master was there. The following subjects were discussed: "How to get a class to keep its own order," by Mrs. John Dustow; "How a child's confidence is lost or won," by Miss M. Tiffin; "Latest Methods in Sunday-school Work," by A. P. Sheppard; "Art, and use of illustrating," by Mr. Mitchell, of Goderich; "Children addressed on Gifts," by Miss Ferguson; "On First Lesson in St. John," by Mrs. J. B. Graham; "How to get a class to ask questions," by G. M. Elliott, Goderich; "Relation of Sunday-school State," by Mr. Joynt, Lucknow; "Address to young men," by Rev. G. W. Henderson, St. Mary's, ex-President of Conference.

### Reception for Students.

Following the custom of several years past, Bridge Street Church, Belleville, gave a reception for the students of the colleges of the city, January 24th, the attendance being the largest ever known. The spacious Sunday-school room and the various class-rooms were filled with young ladies and gentlemen, who, from appearances, were thoroughly at home. Flags and flowers were used as decorations, and added beauty to the scene.

Extra pains had been taken with most of the various rooms. The young ladies of Miss M. L. Johnson's class made their room into an "art gallery," in which pictures galore occupied every niche, and flags and Chinese lanterns abounded. In "No. 4" Master Arthur D. Jones delighted scores with a gramophone. "No. 5" was devoted to a phonograph. The young men of Mr. J. T. Leton's class received their guests in camp. Surrounded with spruce trees was a real tent, rifles, oars,