

We have now five leagues on this circuit, four of which were organized within the last two years, and the other greatly improved. For missionary and evangelizing, Forward Movements are taken up by each League. The ERA is largely circulated. Com.

"Planned the Work."

The president of the League at Union writes: "We are starting with prospects of a good year. The new officers are very much interested and enthusiastic. They have carefully and thoughtfully planned their work. Last Friday night we had a reception service for new members. Five active members joined from the junior society. All were deeply impressed with a sense of their responsibility as members. We think the EPWORTH ERA is a splendid paper."

Anniversary at Orillia.

The anniversary services of the Orillia League were held on Sunday and Monday, May 13th and 14th. Sunday was a day of blessing and inspiration. It began with a praise service at 10 a.m. A prayer service was held at 6.30, to ask the divine blessing on the evening service. At the request of the League the pastor, Rev. R. N. Burns, preached the annual sermon. He chose as his theme, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." He gave the members valuable suggestions as to how they might reach others and gave outsiders strong reasons why they should unite with such a society. The League received such help from the sermon that they think of making the text their motto for the year. The prayer service after church was conducted by the League. Short, intense prayers were offered by about a dozen members. Topics of prayer were suggested before-hand by the Prayer Meeting Committee. One prayed for the pastor and the church—one for the officers and conversers—one for the active members and one for the associates—one for the juniors—one for the committees—one for the outpouring of the Spirit. A quiet, deep fervor pervaded the meeting. The Monday night's services were mainly literary and social, historical and prophetic, and the whole anniversary promised well for the coming year.

A Successful Sunday School.

The anniversary services of Grace Church Sunday School, Winnipeg, were held on Sunday, May 6th. Excellent sermons were preached by Rev. Alfred Andrews, and Rev. F. W. Warne, D.D., of India.

The superintendent and secretary presented reports of the work for the year which were gratifying, this being the banner year in the history of the school. The membership was reported to be 941, an increase of 74; the average attendance also showed an increase of 25 per Sunday. The amount contributed during the year was \$877.33, an increase of \$162.20.

Reference was made to the excellent class work which has been fostered by the school's merit system, there being 375 quarterly certificates issued and 37 annual diplomas awarded, the latter names being placed on the honor roll. The improved methods of instruction in the primary departments were noted, and the home department in charge of Mr. A. G. Morgan showed an increase of 146, the present enrolment being 184. The superintendent stated it was the purpose to make Grace school an up-to-date front line Sunday School and in a large measure, this object had been achieved during the year.

"Advanced and Improved."

During the past three years the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, Oakville, has advanced and improved under the direction of the president, W. H. Tuck, and his able staff of officers, aided by the wise counsel of our pastor, Rev. J. Kaye. Our consecration meetings are seasons of spiritual enjoyment and profit, and the topics each week are ably discussed.

We have a good Reading Circle, composed of about twelve members, a Forward Movement Missionary Department, and an active junior League.

Just a Line or Two.

A NEW League has been organized among the Indians of Georgina Island.

ABOUT twenty new members have recently been received by the League at Aurora.

ONE League announces a "Cool Reception," but it is nothing more serious than an ice cream social.

THE Salem Epworth League, on the Cape town circuit, is progressing favorably. The meetings are characterized by deep spiritual interest.

THE League at Union has a Floral Committee divided into sections. They decorate the pulpit every Sunday, and send flowers to the sick.

THE Camlachie Circuit League Convention this year was held at the Oban appointment, and was the most successful ever known on the circuit.

THE young ladies of Ontario Ladies' College recently gave a concert in Association Hall, Toronto, which was much enjoyed by those who heard it.

THE League at Ingleswood made a practical use of last month's EPWORTH ERA by holding a very interesting and profitable "Evening with Longfellow."

Dr. Bolton, of Port Simpson, B.C., states that the associate members of the League there attend the devotional meetings fully as well as the literary and social.

NOTWITHSTANDING the busy season among the farmers, the meetings of the South Dartington Epworth League have been increasing in attendance and interest.

THE president of the Brampton District League has made a special circular appeal to the societies on the district to assist in raising the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund.

THE corresponding secretary of the Wyoming League informs us that they "have had an exceedingly pleasant and instructive winter in the study of the Epworth League Reading Course."

"EPWORTH" Reading Circle, Galt, recently entertained "Acme" Circle at the home of Mr. A. M. Hunt, editor of the Galt Reformer. There were about seventy-five present, and a delightful evening was spent.

OUR Book Steward, Rev. Wm. Briggs, D.D., will attend the Newfoundland Conference this year, and will address Epworth League meetings in Carbonear and Harbor Grace, in addition to preaching the ordination sermon and speaking at other meetings.

THE anniversary services of the Epworth League of Central Methodist Church, Woodstock, were held on Sunday, May 13th. Excellent sermons were preached by Rev. W. L. Routledge, of Hamilton. The secretary, Mr. Arthur E. Chambers, read a report which showed that the society has been doing good work during the past year. The church was appropriately decorated with red, white, and blue.

THE corresponding secretary of the League at Tara writes that the League has been well sustained during the past year, and adds: "Our pastor, Rev. W. S. Jamieson, has been unflinching in his sympathy, and untiring in his efforts for the welfare of the League during the past four years."

THE Epworth League at Frome has closed its first year in a flourishing condition, with over thirty-five members on the roll. During the year \$70 was raised for missionary and other purposes. Two lectures recently given, by Principal Warriner and Rev. C. T. Scott, were much appreciated.

Down by the Sea.

ODDS AND ENDS FROM HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

The annual meeting of the Halifax District League was held on the afternoon and evening of May 14th. The afternoon session was of a business character, reports of the officers were given and discussed, and officers appointed. The Grafton Street League provided tea for those attending the meeting. The evening session was addressed by Rev. Mr. Craig on "Spiritual Power," and by Rev. Wm. Ryan, on "The Object of our League."

The third annual rally of the Junior C.E. local Union of Halifax and Dartmouth took place recently. A number of Epworth Leaguers belong to the Union; indeed to a city Methodist Church credit is due for the first Junior Society organized in the Province. The meeting was a very successful one, the Academy of Music, in which it took place, being crowded from pit to gallery. The exercises were largely patriotic, the result no doubt of the recent stir up of sentiment, which has set the heart of the Dominion a-throb. Among the songs sung by the children were, "Soldiers of the Queen," "My own Canadian Home," "The Maple Leaf Forever," and "Rule Britannia." While the last mentioned was being sung a little girl dressed as Britannia entered, and at the close of the song led in a very pretty fancy march. Those who took part in them were appropriately dressed, the girls in red, white, and blue, and the boys in white sailor suits, while a couple of little colored girls figured as Red Cross nurses, in white caps and dresses with the suggestive Red Cross on the arm. Another good exercise represented Miss Christian Endeavor in a blue mood complaining that nothing could be done to interest the Juniors. She was reproved by the New Year, who called upon his children, the various months, to tell what might be done; and each brought some suggestion which could be acted upon for the benefit of the Society.

For the first time in its history old Halifax is garrisoned by a militia. Of these at least 175 are Methodists and attend the Kaye Street Church. Rev. Mr. Craig, the pastor, who is Wesleyan chaplain to the forces, is looking after his boys well, and as a result the membership of the Kaye Street League is being largely increased. Over fifty have already become members, and about twenty more will join at next meeting. On April 30th they elected their officers for the year, choosing an R. A. man for president, and one of the R.C.R. for first vice-president.

On Tuesday, May 1st, the members of the Robie Street League entertained the Kaye Street League at an "Autograph Social." The collecting of names did away with the need for formal introductions, and the neat little memo. books provided by the programme committee were grand factors in keeping out any tendency to stiffness. A number of the men of the new regiment (R.C.R.) were present. Some of them had