

Bradford District.

The officers of the Bradford District Epworth League for the present year are: President, Rev. R. J. D. Simpson, Queensville; 1st Vice-Pres., Mr. Albert Lacey, King; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss Annie Evans, Bradford; 3rd Vice-Pres., Dr. Spott, Newmarket; 4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. Duke, Schomberg; Superintendent of Junior Work, Mrs. (Rev.) Geo. McCullough; Secretary, Miss M. Lilly, Beeton; Treasurer, Mr. W. C. Henry, Thornton; representative to Conference Convention, Rev. Joseph Young, Bradford. The president has already visited a few Leagues, and an attempt will be made to have each League in the district visited during the year by some member of the executive. A good year is confidently anticipated.

R. J. D. Simpson.

Our French Work.

The "Rayon du Loleil," edited by Pastor Ducloux, is a neat little leaflet of four pages for the use of Sunday-school teachers and pupils in our French Sabbath schools. We are glad to learn that its circulation is increasing.

The "Home" recently established by the W. M. S. at Kinkora Street, Montreal, is already found to meet a deep need in the work of French evangelization. Mr. Bridgman's generous gift of \$1,000 is exceedingly opportune, coming at the beginning of the work.

Last year a man and wife, of Valleyfield, formally notified the cure of their parish that, as they could no longer assent to the dogmas of the Roman Church, such as auricular confession, purgatory, etc., they had decided to withdraw from the communion. It seems they had been attending Protestant services in addition to their own for some time, and this, together with the reading of the Gospel, had brought about their change of faith.

Junior Doings.

On Christmas Eve a Christmas tree was given to fifty poor children of the city by the members of the Junior Endeavor of Brant Avenue Church. The children assembled at a quarter to six in the infant class of the Sunday-school. A letter from Santa Claus was read, written from Santa Street, North Pole, saying that he would arrive at six o'clock sharp. The sleigh bells were soon heard, and Santa Claus entered, three ringing cheers were given for him, and he proceeded to unload the tree. Every child received a candy bag, orange, and one or two useful little presents, contributed by the members of the church. After the presents had all been given, "When He cometh," was sung, and a very happy crowd of children returned to their homes.

Just a Line or Two.

The Morgan's Point League, on the Port Colborne Circuit, has been resuscitated.

The League at South Mersea paid the pastor's moving expenses, amounting to \$23.

The Glencoe League recently had "An evening with The Era." Result: Eleven new subscribers.

A League Reading Circle has been organized at Lucknow, with 17 members, and 13 sets of books.

The amount raised for missions on the Crystal City District, Manitoba, during the past six months is more than double their givings for the same period last year.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Zion Tabernacle Church, Hamilton, has become an Epworth League of Christian Endeavor.

The League at Stirton has been greatly blessed by a revival. Quite a number of associate members have taken an active member's pledge.

The League at Aikenside, Man., is doing well, having almost doubled in membership during the past six months. The sum of \$14.55 was contributed for missions on a recent Sunday.

The League at Glencoe pay for a copy of the Canadian Epworth Era for use in the barber shops of the town. There are four shops, and the paper is left for one week in each. This is an excellent idea.

A League has been organized at the Providence Church, Jeanette's Creek Circuit, with a membership of about 35. R. R. Hough, Chatham, is President; Edwin Leech, Chatham, is Secretary; Rev. J. H. Osterhout, B.A., Pastor.

The pastor of the Methodist Church at Compton, Que., reports that there is a most interesting and flourishing Reading Circle in Compton, using 13 sets of the books. The meetings are well attended, and the Circle a decided success.

The Newark League visited the Springfield League on Thursday, January 16th. The principal feature of the programme was a debate on the comparative benefits of country and city life. Refreshments were served at the close, and everybody agreed that they had enjoyed themselves.

A very special service was held in St. James' Methodist Church on the first Sunday in the new year. A reception service was first held, a special feature of which was the fact that a number of young men and women from the Epworth League of Christian Endeavor became members of the church, some by letter, and others on confession of faith. Then followed the covenant service, led by Dr. Maggs, after which the Sacrament was administered.

Personal.

Dr. Large delighted the members of the Central League, Toronto, on January 13th, with an interesting missionary talk.

At the Dresden Epworth League, January 16th, Mrs. Capt. Ribble delighted a large number of young people with a fine talk on "Canadian Authors."

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Stephenson spoke in the Methodist Church, Aurora, on Sunday, January 12th, in the interests of Woman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Mr. Daniels, junior minister of the Otterville Circuit, treated the Tilsonburg Epworth League to an excellent address on the Forward Missionary Movement, a few evenings ago.

Rev. W. J. Mortimore, B.A., who has gone to China, was ordained in the Wellington Street Church, London, on Jan. 13th. Rev. Dr. Young, of St. Thomas, preached the ordination sermon.

The Elmira League recently presented its retiring president, Mr. T. G. Baker, with an address and a magnificent oak secretary as a token of esteem from his friends in the church. The presentation was made at a very interesting literary meeting.

Rev. E. Medd, Ph.D., of Bothwell, has recently helped a number of churches and leagues with his popular lectures on "Woe and Wedding," "Pews, and People who Sit in Them," "Equipment for Service," etc. They are well spoken of by the press.

On Monday evening, January 13th, Rev. Dr. Somerby, of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, gave a very interesting exposition of the 23rd Psalm to the Epworth League of First Methodist Church, London.

Mr. John R. Mott, the Chairman of the Student Volunteer Movement, who has been visiting Japan, China and India to hold conferences and conduct evangelistic meetings of students, will return in time to preside at the Students' Missionary Convention in February.

Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., repeated the address which he gave at the San Francisco Convention, on "The Young People's Movement in the Twentieth Century," in the Methodist Church, Blenheim, in connection with the evangelistic services held there. The address was very highly spoken of.

Mr. O. J. Jolliffe, M.A., of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, delivered a very interesting lecture on "Alfred the Great" in Ottawa recently. He would be willing to give lectures to any of the Leagues between Ottawa and Toronto during the coming Easter holidays. Those who secure him will be very fortunate.

Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, F.R.G.S., the greatest woman traveller extant, has been doing Morocco and the Atlas Mountains, as the guest nominally of the Sultan, with whom she had an interview of twenty minutes, being the first Christian woman to whom such an interview has been accorded, and another with the great Cherif of Wazau, the holy city in the Atlas Mountains, who has been greatly interested in her Chinese travels.

Among the Toronto Leagues.

The Berkeley Street League gave a poor family \$10 at Christmas. The "Busy Bees," a branch of the League, are making clothes to give to the deserving poor.

Several of the Young People's Societies of Toronto take turns in conducting meetings at the Fred. Victor Mission. Their help is very much appreciated by the Superintendent.

The Parkdale Epworth League of Christian Endeavor gladdened the hearts of quite a number of poor people with Christmas cheer. Every family visited received three large baskets of provisions, including a turkey.

The Metropolitan League recently visited the Centennial League, and gave "An Evening With Whittier." At one of their regular meetings the question was discussed: "Can a successful business man be spiritually minded?"

The Flower Committee in connection with Carlton Street Epworth League met at the home of Frederick T. Rolling an evening or two ago, and spent several hours making bouquets, which were distributed next morning to the patients and nurses in the General Hospital.

The Junior League of the Clinton St. Methodist Church, under the Superintendency of Miss Braithwaite, meet from 10 to 11 o'clock every Sunday morning. The meetings are always made interesting and practical. The Seniors and Juniors are uniting in an effort to raise sufficient funds to complete the furnishing of the parlors of the church.

The leaguers of Clinton Street are beginning to wake up. The meetings are largely attended, and all appear desirous of doing their best in making this League the power for good that it should be. This comparatively small League came second in moneys collected for missions during the last six months in the West, ern District.