

xviii. 26.: "When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe."

T. H. ORME, *Chairman*.

J. H. COLLINS, *Secretary*.

STATE OF THE WORK.

Committee met and organized, electing Rev. G. W. Kerby, B.A., Chairman; Rev. S. E. Marshall, B.A., B.D., Secretary.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

It is gratifying to be able to report a total membership of 45,127, a net increase for the year of 751. We rejoice in the evidence of the old-time revival spirit among our people, and earnestly pray that still larger showers of blessing may descend upon the entire Church.

We would urge the necessity of employing in the evangelistic field only those who adhere to Methodist usages, and would recommend that young men on the List of Reserve should be employed, where practicable, in preference to those not officially recognized by the Church.

We are glad to report that there is now a District organization of Epworth League on every District in the Conference, and that there is a very marked increase in the number of our Leagues this year. We recognize with deep gratitude the way our young people are earnestly and aggressively assisting the Church in the salvation of souls and the developing of Christian life and character among its members. We look hopefully to this great army of young soldiers of the Cross to carry forward the banner of our King Emmanuel to still greater victory this year than any preceding one in our history as a Church.

We would beg leave, however, to recommend that all moneys raised by our young people's societies should pass through the connexional channels of the Church. We also earnestly trust that the League meetings shall not be interfered with or supersede the class-meetings and general prayer-meetings of the Church.

We would strongly recommend to all Sabbath School workers and parents the desirability of encouraging the attendance of all the children at morning public service at least. With a view to the preparation of our children for church membership we desire to remind our friends of the tested excellence of the weekly catechumen class, and trust that this agency may be yet more largely used to this end.

We deplore the gradually declining use of the catechism in our Sabbath Schools, and trust that we shall this year see a return to the method of supplementing the teaching from the Word of God by a careful and systematic study of the catechism prepared by our Church.

We would call attention to the excellence of the Home Department in Sabbath School work, as also the urgency of the adoption of the temperance pledge in all our schools.

We regret to have to say that, owing to the general financial depression of the year; there has been a falling off in our connexional funds, notably in the Missionary Fund, but sincerely trust that with the already apparent

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