

## From the Field.

### League Anniversary.

The Epworth League at Little Britain held anniversary services on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 8 and 9. On Sunday, Rev. A. C. Crews preached to very large congregations, and on Monday evening a reception was given, which was quite successful. Addresses were delivered by Dev. W. Down and Rev. W. G. Clarke, and several letters read from former members. The floral decorations were very pretty, a large maltrose cross of flowers being especially admired.

### New Junior League.

The Superintendent for Junior work on the Wingham District writes:

"A Junior League of fifteen members was organized in Wroxeter on August 21st, with Rev. I. Motchley, superintendent, and Miss Bray, assistant. The prospects are good for very successful work among the boys and girls. We now have eight Junior Societies in Wingham District, and look forward to organizing others before our District Convention, October 11."

### Singing the Gospel.

The Wallace Street Methodist Church, Nanaimo, has set an example also, which we commend to the attention of choirs and perhaps Epworth Leagues elsewhere. They go out on a barge on Saturday evenings and sing the Gospel on the water while the people gather and listen on the shore. Who knows what spiritual good may be accomplished by such thoughtful and pleasant service if such is the motive. Many people will sit and listen to the Gospel sung under such circumstances who would seldom think of entering a church to hear it preached.—Western Methodist Recorder.

### Summer Enthusiasm.

The President of the League at Wingham writes that the services have been kept up there all summer, and the members have never been more enthusiastic. The average attendance for July was 75, and for August 96.

The League subscribed \$150 (payable in three years) towards the fine new Methodist church now being erected, but before the first year has passed, the amount is paid in full. They have now subscribed \$75 towards a pipe organ for the new church. The interest and attendance at the meetings is increasing, and the Wingham League, with its 115 members, is wielding an influence for "Christ and the Church" that can never be measured this side of eternity.

### Alfred the Great.

A union meeting of the Paisley Street and Norfolk Street Epworth Leagues, Guelph, was held Tuesday evening in the basement of the Paisley Street Church. The meeting was in charge of Mr. W. Bruce Hunter, president of the Paisley Street League. The Literary Departments of the Leagues were responsible for the programme, which was of a historical nature. This year being the thousandth anniversary of the death of King Alfred the Great, which is being celebrated in England, the addresses of the evening treated on the subject of Alfred's reign.

Mr. H. J. B. Leadley described Alfred as a warrior, treating particularly of his founding the navy, his building of fortifications, and his humanity to prisoners; Mr. D. H. Barlow spoke of Alfred's work as a legislator and his codification of the laws. Mr. F. Jacombe spoke of the literary and educational work carried on by this king. The musical items of the programme were a vocal duet by the Misses Sole, with guitar accompaniment, and a quartette by Messrs. Parker, Wilson, Herb. Martin, and C. B. Willson. A good attendance of the members of the Leagues was present, and the meeting was much enjoyed.

### T.M.C.U. at Broadway.

The Toronto Methodist Cyclists' Union held the final run of a very successful season to Broadway Tabernacle on Tuesday evening, September 17th. The meeting was held in the lecture-room of the church, where a very enjoyable programme was given. Dr. Wallace Secombe, treasurer of the newly formed society, "The Toronto Methodist Young Men's Association," was called upon by Dr. Chown, hon. president of the new association, to say a few words about its objects. The treasurer said it is the intention to form Debating, Baseball, Football, and Hockey Clubs, etc., and bring the young men together. Dr. Chown and Rev. C. O. Johnston also spoke favorably of the new association. The constitution and all information may be had from the secretary, Mr. H. W. Ausman, 26 Bismarck Avenue, Toronto. Ice-cream, coffee, and cake were served by the Broadways, and a pleasant evening's enjoyment was brought to a close by singing the national anthem.

### Sunrise Prayer Meeting.

The Toronto Methodist Cyclists' Union held their annual sunrise prayer-meeting on the morning of Labor Day. The cyclists gathered at the Macdonald monument, in Queen's Park, at 5:30, and thence proceeded to the Reservoir. In spite of the threatening aspect of the weather, there was a goodly turn-out of members on their wheels, and a larger number still came by street-car, or walked, to the appointed rendezvous. The meeting opened at seven o'clock, conducted by the Rev. T. E. E. Shore. The singing, led by Mr. Sam. Martin, was a special feature, and was entered into with great spirit and fervor. Brief, inspiring addresses were delivered by Revs. J. A. Rankin, J. Johnston, and the venerable General Superintendent, Dr. Carman. A number of voluntary prayers and testimonies also were offered, and a spirit of devotion evidently pervaded the assemblage. This is an annual gathering of the Cyclists Union, instituted some years ago, when the great Epworth League Convention met in this city.

### Meeting of General Board.

The annual meeting of the General Epworth League and Sunday-school Board was held in the Board Room of Wesley Buildings, Toronto, on Thursday, Sept. 5. The following members were present: Toronto Conference—Rev. W. J. Smith and Rev. G. J. Bishop; London Conference—Rev. C. T. Scott, Rev. E. N. Baker, and Mr. T. B. Shillington; Hamilton Conference—Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, and Mr. W. H. Moss; Bay of Quinte Conference—Rev. D. N. McCannus, Rev. C. W. Ward, Rev. Wm. Johnston, and Mr. Wm. Johnston; Montreal Conference—Rev. T. J. Mansell, Rev. D. Winter, Rev. T. Griffith, and Mr. J. A. Tompkins; also Rev. Dr. Car-

man, Rev. Dr. Withrow, Mr. W. Kennedy, and the Secretary.

The financial reports from both Sunday-school and Epworth League were very satisfactory.

The Annual Statistical Reports called forth much discussion, particularly on the decrease of membership in Sunday-schools and Leagues. A committee was appointed to take the whole matter into consideration, and discover, if possible, the causes which have led to the falling off.

The Summer Schools at Toronto and Killarney were approved, and a committee appointed to arrange, if possible, for a number of such schools at different points during next summer. To increase interest in Sunday-schools, house-to-house visitation was strongly urged.

The following officers were appointed for the year:

1st Vice-Pres. (Sunday-school work), Mr. Wm. Johnston, Belleville.  
2nd Vice-Pres. (Christian Endeavor work), Rev. D. Winter, Montreal.  
3rd Vice-Pres. (Missionary work), Rev. R. W. Woodsworth.  
4th Vice-Pres. (Literary work), Mr. J. S. Deacon, Milton.  
5th Vice-Pres. (Junior work), Rev. C. T. Scott, London.

The following are the members of the Executive Committee: Revs. Dr. Carman, Dr. Withrow, J. H. Hazlewood, W. J. Smith; Messrs. N. W. Rowell, Dr. W. E. Willmott, J. S. Deacon, W. Kennedy, and the Secretary.

### The Oldest Scholar.

When within eleven days of being ninety years old, the oldest scholar of Bridge Street Methodist Sunday-school, Belleville, died on the 25th of August. He was amongst the most punctual and regular of its pupils. He had been a trustee, class-leader, assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, and a teacher in it, and again became a scholar twenty years ago.

### Just a Line or Two.

A new League has been formed at Maple Grove, on the Staffordville Circuit.

The London District League held a picnic at Springbank during the summer, which was very enjoyable.

Rev. T. E. E. Shore and Rev. E. A. Pearson delivered addresses at the Colingwood District Convention.

Rev. H. S. Dougall, B.D., is pushing the Forward Evangelistic Movement energetically in the Hamilton Conference.

Successful anniversary services were held by the Union Epworth League, September 1st. Rev. A. Moorhouse delivered helpful sermons to large congregations.

As usual Picton District has a very attractive programme for their annual convention. It contains a full list of the League Presidents and Secretaries on the District.

The Epworth League of Christian Endeavor of Dundas Centre Church, London, has published one of the most attractive and interesting programmes we have seen.

Mrs. F. C. Stephenson, of Toronto, was one of the speakers at a meeting in Wesley's Chapel, during the Ecumenical Conference, held in the interest of woman's world-wide work for missions.

Rev. A. E. Lavell, B.A., lectured for the Galt Epworth League, September 9, on "Life in Kingston Penitentiary." A large audience listened with close attention for nearly two hours to a splendid lecture, which ought to be heard by every citizen of our country.