

Epworth League Lecture Courses.

In our last issue we called attention to the importance of conducting healthful entertainments during the fall and winter season, and strongly urged the carrying on of Lecture and Entertainment Courses by the Leagues. This month we desire to give some hints as to how these can be successfully managed. The first thing to do with a scheme like this is to talk it up, and get a few members who are strongly interested. Plan to have, say, six entertainments, about a month or five weeks apart. Four of these might be lectures and two concerts, or perhaps they could be equally divided. Select your lecturers and concert companies, and by correspondence find out exactly what the cost is likely to be. Most of the lecturers can be secured for their travelling expenses, but some may expect a small fee. When the cost has been figured out, then estimate the number who are likely to buy season tickets, and fix the price so as to pay all expenses, and leave a small balance on the right side. Do not aim at making much money out of these entertainments. Let the object be the profit and pleasure of the people. When these preliminary arrangements have been made, then appoint a committee to canvass the whole congregation. Explain the object thoroughly, and ask for the co-operation of all the people, especially of the church officials. There could be no reasonable objection to asking members of other congregations to patronize an enterprise of this kind.

If sufficient energy and industry are put into this work, the success of the Lecture Course can be assured at the very outset. Remember, however, that it means work. Your entertainments will not be successful if you rely simply upon announcements from the pulpit, or hand-bills. They must be talked up.

As a help to those who desire to arrange a lecture course, we have compiled the following list of subjects and lectures, largely from the pages of *The Era* and *Guardian*, during the past three years. As far as possible, it would be well to choose men who can be secured without travelling too great a distance. Of course the pastor should be consulted before any steps are taken, and his help ensured.

HISTORICAL.

"The Indian Mutiny." Rev. J. S. Coffin, Annapolis, N.S.
"The Tower of London." Mr. O. J. Jolliffe, Classical Master, Collegiate Institute, Ottawa, Ont.
" Windsor Castle and its Memories." Mr. O. J. Jolliffe.
"British Museum." Mr. O. J. Jolliffe.

TRAVEL.

"Rambles through Scotland." Rev. G. H. Cobbledick, Parkhill, Ont.
"Ireland and the Irish People." Rev. Foster McAmmond, Perth, Ont.
"The Holy Land." Rev. John Pickering, Brantford, Ont.
"A Trip through Ireland." Rev. F. H. McDonald, Cambray, Ont.
"Down the Gulf to Cape Breton." Rev. W. B. Tucker, Ph.D., Shawville, Que.
"Through Britain on a Bicycle." Rev. G. R. Turk, Toronto, Ont.
"A Tour in Bible Lands." Rev. W. Henderson, Farnham, Que.
"Around the World in Seventy Days." Mr. Robert Rawlings, Wyoming, Ont.

DESCRIPTIVE.

"Under Fire in Dixie." Rev. W. D. Henderson, Pembroke, Ont.
"What I Saw in the Southern States." Rev. J. E. Mavey, Kempsville, Ont.

"My Island Home, the Isle of Wight." Rev. A. E. Pates, Compton, Que.
"Life in Kingston Penitentiary." Rev. A. E. Lavell, Ayr, Ont.
"Jerusalem, within the Walls." Rev. Jas. Awde, Merritt, Ont.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

"Our Girls." Rev. H. W. McTavish, Warwick, Ont.
"The Boy that is Wanted." Rev. A. Andrews, Winnipeg, Man.
"Success." Rev. W. R. Young D.D., St. Thomas, Ont.
"Plough Deep." Rev. John Morrison, Springfield, Ont.

RELIGIOUS.

"The Ideal Church." Rev. J. E. Mavey, Kempsville, Ont.
"A Practical Talk to Church Pews." Rev. E. Roberts, Lindsay, Ont.
"Pilgrim's Progress." Rev. W. P. McHaffie, B.A., Oxbow, N.W.T.

METHODISM.

"The Rise of Methodism." Rev. E. E. Flagg, B.D., Nassagaweya, Ont.
"Mr. Wesley and his Preachers." Rev. A. J. Terryberry, Port Rowan, Ont.
"The Life and Times of John Wesley." Rev. J. E. Moore, Newburgh, Ont.
"A Pilgrimage of City Road Chapel." Mr. O. J. Jolliffe, M.A., Ottawa, Ont.
"The Doctrines of Methodism." Rev. F. A. Cassidy, M.A., Guelph, Ont.
"Charles Wesley and his Hymns." Rev. J. S. Ross, D.D., Walkerton, Ont.
"Canadian Methodism." Rev. S. W. Holden, Cayuga, Ont.
"The Sphere and Future of Methodism." Rev. S. G. Couch, Innerville, Ont.

MISSIONARY.

"Helps and Hindrances to Mission Work in Japan." Rev. Eber Crumby, B.A., Kingston, Ont.
"Reminiscences of Mission Life in the West Indies." Rev. G. G. Huxtable, Montreal.
"Life Among the Indians." Rev. John Semmons, Winnipeg, Man.
"Asia and Opium vs. Christian Missions." Mr. Joseph Gibson, Ingersoll.
"The Troubles in China." Rev. Dr. Daniel, Goderich, Ont.

PATRIOTIC.

"Our Empire." Rev. Thomas Manning, B.A., Lindsay, Ont.
"Christian Citizenship." Rev. E. E. Scott, Vancouver, B.C.
"The Transvaal." Rev. J. T. Pitcher, Smith's Falls, Ont.
"Our Country." Rev. T. B. Conley, B.A., Granby, Que.
"Briton and Boer." Rev. M. E. Wilson, Prince Albert, Ont.
"Britain in Africa, Her Duty and Difficulty." Rev. E. Thomas, B.A., Metcalfe, Ont.
"The Glorious Reign of Queen Victoria." Rev. G. W. Dean, Morden, Man.
"Canadian Patriotism." Rev. J. W. Harrison, Roland, Man.
"Canada, the Greater Britain." Rev. C. E. Perry, Toronto, Ont.
"Canada, the Land of the Maple." Rev. C. M. Marshall, South Cayuga, Ont.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Why I Left the Roman Catholic Church." Rev. Chas. Langford, Laurel, Ont.
"Flowers and their Lessons." Rev. W. R. Young, D.D., St. Thomas, Ont.
"The Triangular Man." Rev. R. Hobbs, Wingham, Ont.
"Doors." Rev. J. J. Rae, Oshawa, Ont.
"Mind Your Own Business." Rev. J. J. Rae, Oshawa, Ont.
"Something that Everybody Wants." Rev. W. F. Wilson, Hamilton, Ont.
"Seven Different People of which you are One." "Living Influences." Rev. C. O. Johnston, Toronto, Ont.

"What to do and say at Home." Rev. A. I. Snyder, Canboro, Ont.
"Say So."
"Blunders."
"Handsome Women." Rev. R. J. Treleven, Toronto, Ont.
"A Nursery Rhyme." Rev. G. W. Henderson, St. Mary's, Ont.
"Workers, Loafers, Croakers." Rev. G. W. Henderson, St. Mary's, Ont.
"A House without Walls." Rev. G. W. Dewey, Toronto, Ont.
"The Human Voice." Rev. Jas. Livingstone, Windsor, Ont.
"He sure you are right, then go ahead." Rev. Dr. Ryckman, Cornwall, Ont.
"Singers and the songs they sing, both grave and gay." "Pictures painted and unpainted." Rev. J. C. Speer, Toronto, Ont.
"The Ideal Man." Rev. W. J. Hunter, Toronto, Ont.
"Paddle Your Own Canoe." Rev. John MacLean, Carman, Man.
"Climbing." Rev. J. H. Hazlewood, Hamilton, Ont.
"The Gospel of Health and Good Cheer." Rev. David Rogers, Fordwich, Ont.
"The Man the Age Demands." Rev. E. G. Powell, Dunton, Ont.

CONCERTS.

In regard to arranging a few good concerts, to alternate with the lectures, we do not think that League officers could do better than communicate with Mr. Hartman, manager of the Great Eastern Lyceum bureau, whose advertisement appears on the 2nd page of this issue. He recommends the following attractions as being specially suitable for church entertainments: The Enoch Arden Concert Co. The Fadelis Woman's Orchestra. The Ernest Gamble Concert Co. The Bostonia Sextette Club. The Swedish Ladies' Quartette. The McDonald Male Quartette.

League Entertainments.

Editor of *Era*—

Dear Sir—In your July issue you devote part of a column to the question of entertainments in connection with the League, and in the article you call attention to the Great Eastern Lyceum Bureau, and the advantage of the courses provided by this institution. Permit me to say that I have taken the pains to look into the methods of the Lyceum Bureau, and I can endorse every word in your article as to the aims and moral tone of the entertainments given. In our "rules" and "pledges" and also in sermons, our Church has continually denounced certain kinds of amusements, and no doubt we have not done so in vain, but have we always been as zealous to provide for the better class of entertainment to take the place of those of a questionable moral tendency? I think there are few things which are at present a greater menace to the spiritual life of our young people than the attractions served up by the low theatrical companies which are so much in evidence in all our villages, as well as in the towns and cities of the land. Not a few have been asking what can be done to counteract these influences? It so far little has been done or even suggested that is of real value.

But let it be understood that the young people will, and should, have entertainment as well as religious service, and, as the world cannot be trusted with such matters with safety, it is the duty of the Church to see that what is safe and ennobling, while at the same time of the lighter vein, shall be supplied at the lowest cost consistent with fair and honest business principles.

This can be done by the method followed by the institution named in your