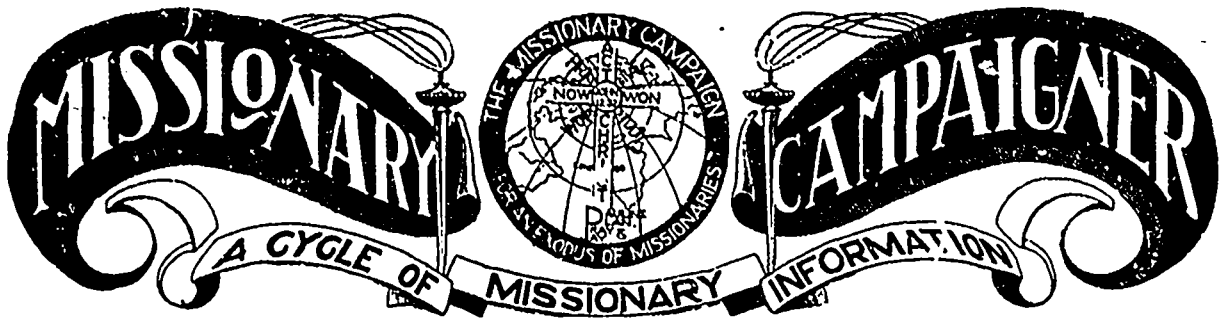


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### Our Epworth League General Secretary.

REV. A. C. CREWS is General Secretary of Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools in the Methodist Church, Canada, to which position he was elected in May, 1895. He was born in the County of Lambton in 1857, and received his education at the Ingersoll High School and Victoria University. After ordination he spent one year as assistant editor of the *Christian Guardian*, and has been stationed in St. Catharines, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Toronto.

Through Mr. Crews' untiring efforts the Epworth League work has made great progress. The excellent arrangements which have been made for the coming Convention, under his direction, reflect not a little his enthusiastic belief that the development of our young people, under the guidance of the Church, is her hope for the future.

Mr. Crews believes in missions, and he believes in the "Young People's Forward Movement for Missions." He is always on the watch for opportunities to develop and foster an intelligent interest in the missionary work of our Church. The prominent place given to missions in the programme of the International Convention, is an example of his planning for the future, as well as the present, welfare of our Church.

IN the last annual report (1895-96) the Epworth Leagues were reported as having raised \$3,339, the Toronto Conference heading the list with \$720. Of the districts, Milton District, Hamilton Conference reports the largest amount raised, namely, \$153. Judging from the "sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees," there will be a large advance all along the line of our young people's contributions for missions.

### The International Epworth League Convention.

We hope to see thousands of our missionary spirits in Toronto as representatives of our 75,000 Canadian Epworth Leaguers. The world is being searched by the cleverest and best men for the richest and best things to bring to the Convention, for those whose privilege it will be to come and carry them away. The demand of our young people has

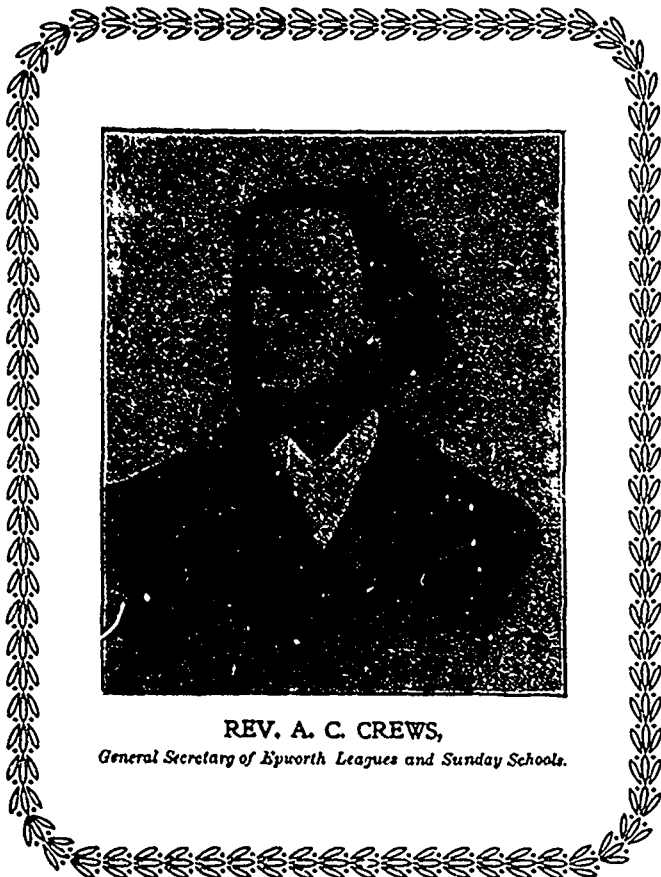
called together the best minds in America. The excellent and comprehensive programme, which we publish in this number, contains the names of men who stand first for missions, and through them the demand of our young people will be fully met. We welcome to the pages of the *CAMPAIGNER* as many of their faces as it has been possible to secure, and know we will gather from the wealth of thought and experience of the speakers, inspiration for our work.

#### OUR MISSIONARY SPEAKERS AT THE CONVENTION.

REV. ABRAHAM J. PALMER, D.D.

Rev. Abraham J. Palmer, D.D., is Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal

Church. He was born in the State of New Jersey in 1847, enlisted in the war as a private soldier, Company "D," 48th Regiment New York State Volunteers, in 1861, when he was fourteen years old. It is supposed that he has the record of being the youngest enlisted soldier in the army that fought for the Union. He was captured in the deathly night assault at Fort Wagner, S.C., on the 18th of July, 1863, and confined for nine months in a Confederate prison. He subsequently graduated from Western Middle town College, Connecticut, in 1870. Has been stationed at Grace Church, Staten Island; Waverley Church, Jersey City; Park Avenue and St. Paul's (second term), New



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