

## From the Field

### Dominion Day Picnic

The Epworth League of Dundas Centre Church, London, held their annual picnic on Dominion Day at the summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. John White, London Township, with a unique and interesting programme was rendered. The following were special features: "Egg Hunt," "Clothes Hanging Contest," "Neck Tie Race," "Cracker Eating Contest," "Bubble Blowing Contest," "Botanical Contest," "Tug of War," etc.

### Unique Services

Unique services were conducted in the Methodist Church, Midland, on a recent Sunday, when twin sisters, who have been prominent in Epworth League work, were the preachers for the day. Mrs. Rev. H. S. Mazze gave an address in the morning on "The Greatest Thing in the World." Mrs. Lucy Smith, in the evening, gave a beautiful address on "Lessons from the Horrell Memorial Window," a magnificent Easter window in the church. These ladies are the twinkest kind of twins, so much alike in voice and appearance that many thought the same one must have spoken twice. The congregations were unusually large and were delighted with the excellence of the addresses.

### League Banquet

The Epworth League of C. E., of Queen's Ave. Church, New Westminster, B.C., recently held a very successful banquet, presided over by Mr. C. S. Keith, a past president of the society.

The tables prepared by the ladies of the society were beautifully laden with delicacies, and beautifully decorated with flowers. Over one hundred members sat down to the festive board and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The pastor, Rev. W. H. Barraclough, expressed his pride in being associated with such an enthusiastic and energetic band of young people. They had reason to congratulate themselves on their success in the department of missions, and he trusted that they might make their aim coming year the securing of a like success in winning their "young associates for Christ."

An interesting programme of songs and recitations was rendered.

### "Elements of Success"

Under the auspices of the Epworth League of Wesley Church, Winnipeg, Dr. James Elliott, of Wesley College, delivered a most useful lecture on "The Elements of Success." Young people predominated, as the lecture was especially for them, and it proved both interesting and instructive. Rev. J. W. Churchill, pastor of the church, presided.

Introducing his subject, Dr. Elliott pointed out the difference in capability of individuals, emphasizing inherent potentiality. While one might have small talent, another might be gifted with wonderful powers. To insure success a certain amount of preparation is necessary, according to the gifts, but for the ordinary person, thorough preparation is an indispensable essential.

In starting out in life a young man or woman should make a choice of a life work, seeking to enter upon a career for which nature has best fitted him or her. This line once chosen, the individual

should concentrate all his energies to its proper end. No wavering or dallying by the way should be indulged in, if ultimate success should be won.

Dr. Elliott then went on to encourage his youthful hearers, assuring them that by observing the foregoing and persevering with earnest, patient, hopeful toil, they would surely achieve their goal. As a final word and a most important one, he added that one of the surest, perhaps the safest standby in the struggle for success in life, is the possession of a sterling character. Uprightness in all dealings wins for one the confidence of those in authority, and induces them to offer to worthy persons opportunities that are not given to unreliable people.

One or two musical numbers were rendered by members of the choir of Wesley Church, adding somewhat to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr. Churchill, on behalf of the audience, tendered Dr. Elliott a very hearty vote of thanks.

### A Flourishing City League

An officer of the Epworth League of C. E., of St. James' Church, Montreal, sends the following report of their year's work:

"We are glad to report that our League is in a flourishing condition, in spite of the fact that a great many changes have taken place in the personnel of our League through removal and other causes. The reports from the different committees submitted at the annual meeting show a deepening interest in the spiritual life of our own league and in the missionary department of our work. Our Prayer Meeting Committee, under the excellent leadership of Miss Eliott, has been very active and there were accomplished a great deal. There were several cottage prayer meetings held during the year and we have a regular Sunday morning class for the young people, which is increasing in numbers. Last summer Miss Stone, one of our deaconesses, had a Fresh Air Camp at Isle Perot, and this committee sent out jars of preserved fruit and honey which was thankfully received. Another branch of work is distributing literature to the people in the different railway stations on Sunday afternoons. So many people, especially emigrants, pass through our city, and sometimes have a long wait for their trains, some members of this committee undertook this work after the regular session of the Sunday-school. Members of the League save all their Sunday-school papers, and any other good reading they may have, and Mr. Carson, of our Bible Society, supplied tracts. These were read with eager interest by nearly all to whom they were given.

At Christmas-time donations were made to several families, of food, clothes and toys for children, besides contributing to the Sunday-school for the annual Christmas dinners of several families.

In March we visited the inmates of Moore's Home, and gave the old folks an entertainment, and also distributed a box of candy to each one with a text of Scripture enclosed, which was greatly appreciated by all who received them.

Our missionary givings for the past year, including the Intermediate League, are \$102.69, being an increase over the previous year of \$38.02, giving our League the supremacy in the Montreal Conference at least, for missionary giving.

The Flower Committee have been faithful in sending flowers to sick members as soon as it was known that they were ill. Our Literary and Social Committees have

also done good work and furnished the League with several good entertainments. During the summer months the League Service is held after preaching service Sunday night, and has proved a success, as there are a number of visitors who are in the city and come in with us.

### Carman District Convention

The eighth Annual Epworth League Convention of the Carman District was held at Matchettville, June 4th and 5th. The first item on the programme was a paper on "This Convention. How to Make It Go," by Rev. M. Boyle, of Sperling. He emphasized the need of more spiritual enthusiasm in personal work for Christ.

Dr. James Elliott, of Wesley College, Winnipeg, conducted a Bible Study on the Book of Job, which was an inspiration to all present. He also conducted Bible Study on the 12th Chapter of Romans, and 1st Chapter of Philipians. Dr. MacLachlan, of Carman, spoke on the Forward Movement, giving an account of its rise and progress.

Rev. W. E. Wiggins, of Holland, followed, giving an interesting paper on "Work at Hand for the Forward Movement."

The League as a Leaven in the Nation," was discussed by Rev. R. A. Swyers, of Glenboro. Papers on "Paul, the Missionary," by A. Harland, and "Our Literary Work," by James Plewes, were brief but comprehensive in their grasp of the subjects. Mrs. E. A. August's excellent paper on "What Constitutes a Christian," was read by Rev. M. Doyle. The closing address on "The Elements of Success," was delivered by Rev. Dr. Elliott.

The following officers have been elected: President—Rev. R. A. Swyers, Glenboro. 1st Vice—Rev. F. B. Richardson, Cypress River.

2nd Vice—Mrs. A. L. MacLachlan, Cypress River.

3rd Vice—James Plewes, Carman.

4th Vice—Miss Lilah Staples, Treherne.

5th Vice—Mrs. E. A. August, Bates.

Secretary—Dr. A. L. MacLachlan, Carman.

Treasurer—Miss Pedlar, Sperling.

The convention was greatly indebted to the generous hospitality of the Matchettville people.

### Epworth League Banquet

The Epworth League of Wesley Methodist Church, Vancouver, recently held a banquet, the occasion being the closing of a three-month membership contest, by which 85 new members were added to the roll, making a total enrollment of 195. The following account is sent by a correspondent:

The contest was the Red and Blue Ribbon Campaign, W. Richard being captain of the reds and Mrs. W. J. Hogg captain of the blues, the former winning by a small majority of 4. The contest was keen, enjoyable and very profitable.

Most beautiful and elaborately spread tables with meats, salads, cakes, jellies, fruits, etc., with a seating capacity for upwards of 150, greeted the members and their friends as they entered the banquet room.

The following toasts were proposed: "Our Church," "Our Beloved Pastor and Wife," "Our League," "Our Membership Campaign," "Our New Members," "Our Executive Committee." The speeches were excellent and much enjoyed.

The success of the banquet was due to the well-planned and executed arrangements of the Banquet Committee, headed by Mr. Fred Noble, who also acted as toast master, and in a very pleasing way launched their first annual banquet. At 11.30 all was over and everyone went