

From the Field.

Galt.—Marked earnestness and careful thought characterized all the papers and speeches which were made in discussing the question of church amusements at the meeting of the Galt Epworth League on Monday evening, Sept. 18th. The meeting took the form of a debate, in which Miss Bawtinheimer and Mr. John Taylor, Jr., supported the affirmative, while Miss Hawk and Mr. Charlton championed the negative side. The arguments brought out, pro and con, were strong and forceful, and showed sound judgment and common sense. No decision on the matter was given. After the conclusion of the programme, the Social Committee served refreshments, completing altogether enjoyable evening. The attendance was very large.

Union, Ont.—The Epworth League of Union Church, Port Stanley Circuit, held its seventh anniversary on September 3rd and 4th. Rev. Dr. Gifford, of Essex, preached excellent sermons Sunday morning and evening, and on Monday evening gave his celebrated lecture on "The Mammoth Cave." It was a rare treat, eloquent, witty, and instructive. This League of forty active and thirteen associate members is doing splendid work, and is planning for still larger usefulness, the coming year, in all four departments.

St. John's, Nfld.—The Epworth League of George Street Church, St. John's, Nfld., took advantage of the presence in that city of Dr. J. J. MacLaren, Q.C., of Toronto, to hold a rally of the city leagues for a report of the Indianapolis convention, which Dr. MacLaren had attended. It was held on Tuesday evening, August 8th, when the Lecture Room of George Street Church was crowded to the doors. Choice music was furnished by the League choir. Besides the young people the Revs. Dr. Milligan, L. Curtis, B.A., G. E. Heal, the Hon. J. J. Rogerson, and other leading Methodists of the city attended. The Leagues of St. John's appear to be vigorous and in a flourishing condition.

Old Perlican, Nfld.—The Financial District Meeting (Carbonear District) was held at Old Perlican, August 22, 1899. President Freeman presided over it, and directed all things in a very businesslike manner. A deep spiritual tone marked all the proceedings. A spirit of harmony and brotherly love was manifested throughout.

A Sunday School convention was held in the church at night, and was well attended. Revs. J. T. Newman and Wm. Harris were the set speakers, and afterwards the Revs. A. Hill, T. H. James, Messrs A. Christian, M. Puddister, A. G. Hudson, gave short and pointed words, at request of president. Choice hymns were sung, led by Mrs. Heyfield, the pastor's wife, and this excellent service was brought to a successful close. This is said to have been the most pleasant and profitable session of the district ever yet held.

Sussex, N.B.—The two Leagues on the Sussex Circuit report progress and success. At Sussex the literary sessions have been full of interest, and have secured the support and co-operation of the young people. Having the advantage of receiving into its membership a number of school teachers, including university graduate matriculants, an endeavor has been made to develop the local talent in things musical and literary. The Newtown League, which was started under

considerable difficulty, and in the embryonic stages met with much opposition and something worse—indifference, has reported a membership of forty-five, an increase of thirty-six since last February.

Riverview, Man.—The Corresponding Secretary writes: "An Epworth League of Christian Endeavor was instituted at this place by the Rev. A. F. August, pastor of the Souris Circuit of which Riverview is an appointment, on May 18th, with thirteen active members, and since then three more have been added to the list, not having anything but active members. All the departments are being worked. Very little trouble is being experienced in getting members to take part, when it is taken into consideration the work is new to most of us. We look for great blessings and success in the near future. A special effort is being made to have all members take THE ERA."

London West.—At a recent meeting of the Empress Avenue Epworth League of Christian Endeavor, the following resolution was passed: "That we place ourselves on record as being unalterably opposed to Sabbath desecration of every kind, including bicycle riding for pleasure, entertainments, so-called sacred concerts, etc., and we hereby pledge ourselves to use our influence, by all legal and honorable means within our power, against such evils. To this end we commend the early closing movement, and would suggest hearty co-operation in the effort to generally shorten the hours of business on Saturday evenings."

Gorrie, Ont.—The president of the Gorrie League sends the following cheering letter: "We have a good league here. Since last October we have tried the plan of changing our officers every three months, which we find to be a benefit. During the year we have had four new presidents, and have eighteen new members, nine of which are active, making a total membership of sixty-seven, forty active, and twenty-seven associate. At the beginning of each term our Prayer Meeting Committee arrange the programme and have it tacked on the basement door, also the names of all the separate committees. We have two leaders for every meeting which helps the more timid ones very much, nearly always having an associate member take the first part of the meeting. We have a question drawer one evening every term in connection with the regular meeting—sometimes answered by our pastor, and sometimes by one of our members—which is quite profitable. We also give one evening to the Missionary Committee, one to the Temperance Committee, and another to the Literary Committee, taking a collection at each of those meetings. Our committees are nearly all doing their work. Quite a number have joined the Missionary Forward Movement. We have been very much encouraged to see that during the summer months our attendance has been good, nearly as good as at any other time of the year, and the interest seems to be increasing. We have an excellent honorary president in our pastor, who is very much interested in the work. Our monthly conference meetings are the best meetings we have."

New Brunswick Conference.—At the recent Christian Endeavor Convention at Sackville, it was decided by the New Brunswick Methodist delegates to organize a Conference League for the purpose of more efficiently carrying on our Young People's work. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Rev. G. M. Campbell, Fredericton, N.B.; Pres., Rev. G. M. Young, Chatham, N.B.; 1st V.-Pres., W. C. Turner, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; 2nd V.-Pres., Rev. W. C. Matthews, Murray Harbour, P.E.I.; 3rd V.-Pres., J. M. Palmer, Sackville, N.B.; 4th V.-Pres., Miss Helen McNally, Fredericton, N.B.; 5th V.-Pres., Rev. W. J. Kirby, Milltown, N.B.; Sec., E. R. Machin, St. John, N.B.; Treas., M. L. Laird, Alberton, P.E.I.; Rep. to Gen. Board, J. M. Palmer, Sackville. It is expected that these officers will oversee the League work throughout the Conference, and do all in their power to promote it by organizing new societies and increasing the efficiency of those already in existence. All our Conferences are now thoroughly organized, with the exception of Newfoundland. With the scattered population and limited means of travel, it has been thought inadvisable to undertake holding any Convention at present in that Conference.

Just a Line or Two.

REV. R. WHITTINGTON, President of the British Columbia Conference, writes: "THE CANADIAN EPWORTH ERA is so sterling a periodical that I unhesitatingly recommend it wherever I go."

REV. JOSEPH PHILIP, of Petrolia, writes: "No sir, Bro. Bartlett was not the first to deposit a copy of THE EPWORTH ERA in a 'sure place.' My May number, sealed in a tin box, rests in the cavity of the large northeast corner-stone of our handsome new church at Petrolia."

The Leagues of the Toronto East District held an echo meeting of the Indianapolis Convention, in Parliament Street church, on Thursday evening, September 14th. The attendance was large, and the programme good. Addresses were delivered by Revs. J. W. Graham and J. D. Fitzpatrick, Dr. Stephenson, Dr. J. J. MacLaren, Mr. C. W. Flint, and Policeman Wallace.

Personal.

REV. R. N. BURNS, B.A., took a prominent part in the Peterborough District Convention held at Millbrook, September 26th, delivering an address on "Common Sense in Christian work."

REV. JAMES ELLIOTT, B.A., of Kingston, was in the city a few days ago. He reports that Queen Street League will order thirty sets of the new Reading Course from the Montreal Book Room.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Graham (Miss Jewell McCleary, of Brantford), who were married during September. They have both been active workers in the Sunday School and Epworth League.

MR. A. T. COOPER, of Clinton, Secretary of the Ontario Provincial Christian Endeavor Union, and also a prominent League worker, was married, September 6th, to Miss Annie Louise Sellery, of Kincardine. Our best wishes are extended.

The Sackville Christian Endeavor Convention.

The Maritime Union Christian Endeavor Convention held at Sackville, N.B., Sept. 5-7, while not so largely attended as some previous gatherings, was intensely practical and spiritual. The audience at the meetings were large, and all seemed greatly interested. One of the members of the Sackville Epworth League of Christian Endeavor sends the following account. It was written on the black board at a meeting held directly after the Convention, when the subject was, "What did we learn at the Convention?" "What we learned at the convention should inspire us during the coming year to be more: Social—in order that we may save. [Lord Active—] always abounding in the work of the Courageous—from our great comradeship. Kindly—affectioned one toward another. Vigilant—lest we lose some we might save. Intense—"all my being's ransomed powers." Liberal—Epworth Leaguers of C.E. Literary—make more of our Reading Circle. Enthusiastic—"whole-hearted, true-hearted"