

suggest that they continue to investigate the problems of our citizens in this practical manner, and further, that appropriate steps for helping our Methodist Mission in its several departments be kept before the Leaders, such as assisting at the Fresh Air Camp for the children during summer, Kindergarten Classes, Boys' Department, and in donations at Christmas of clothing, food, etc.

### Galt District

Despite the inclement weather, the sixteenth annual convention of the Epworth League of the Galt District Hamilton Conference, will go down in history as one of the best and most successful conventions ever held. The sessions were held October 20th in the Ainslie Street Methodist Church, Galt, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Commencing with an executive meeting at 9 a.m. and ending with Dr. Cleaver's fascinating address on "The Story of Jean Val Jean," in the evening, the day was one of helpful suggestions and evident enjoyment.

The convention proper commenced at 10 a.m., with President A. R. Gouldie in the chair, and Rev. P. M. Wrenn, pastor of the church, conducting devotional exercises. About fifty delegates were present at the morning service, many more arriving for the afternoon session.

A delegate from each League presented a report of the year's work, showing the present standing of the organization. Generally speaking, the Leagues of the Galt District are in a prosperous condition and working up to a high standard of efficiency. The morning session concluded with an address by Mr. A. L. Bennett, President of the Ainslie Street League, on "Prayer: Its Place in Our League Work." The subject of public prayer, while a recognized weakness in our young people's societies, was a condition that should not be accepted as inevitable, but measures should be taken so that this important part of the devotional exercises should be strengthened and given the prominence in our meetings it deserved. A praying League was a wonderful force in any community.

The afternoon's session commenced with Rev. A. I. Terryberry leading the devotional exercises. Rev. F. L. Farewell, Field Secretary, conducted a Round Table Conference and various League problems came up for discussion. One of the principal items in the afternoon's programme was a debate between four of the delegates. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That the Christian Church should not fight moral issues on the political field." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. I. Schlee and J. C. McKay, while Messrs. W. Williams, Fraidwood and Clinton, composed the negative side. The debate was a spirited one and all were well pleased finally deciding in favor of the affirmative.

Following came Mr. Farewell's address on "Our Call to the Foreign Field." Why missionary effort should not be restricted to the home field was clearly demonstrated by the speaker.

### THE OFFICERS.

The names of those who will direct the affairs of the district during the coming year are: Honorary President, Rev. C. L. McIrvine, Berlin; President, William Braidwood, Galt; Vice-Pres., (1) W. W. Zinn, Galt, (2) Miss Ruby Mandelsol, Berlin, (3) Miss B. M. Dunham, Berlin, (4) E. D. Cunningham, Waterloo; Secretary, Lillie Courtney, Hespeler; Secretary, Melvin Hill, Elmira; Treasurer, Fred Walker, Preston; Conference Representative, Rev. A. I. Terryberry, Preston.

The selection of Mr. William Braidwood as President was a popular one, he having fully earned the honor by the splendid service he has rendered in the past and many years of experience along this line of work will stand him in good stead. The retiring President, Mr. A. R. Gouldie, is commended for his faithful and unrelenting service and for his devotion to the best interests of the district.

Supper was served in the basement of the church, and all appreciated the efforts put forth by the ladies of the district. The room was prettily decorated with flowers and an abundance of good things to eat was provided.

### DISTRICT BANNER FOR GALT.

The closing session of the convention started with a song by the choir. A pleasing feature was the presentation of the District Banner to the Galt League, it having made the greatest progress during the past year. Mr. A. L. Bennett received the token of honor on behalf of the League and the members of the district, not only at the splendid work which had been accomplished during the past year, but at the success of the convention itself.

Members of the executive had visited every League in the district during the

year and had sought to bring the societies into closer touch with each other and to encourage and assist them in solving their problems. The treasurer's report showed a small balance on hand.

### Exeter District

The Exeter District Epworth League Convention, held in London on Wednesday and Thursday, September 24th and 25th, was like a fresh morning breeze that dissolved the haze of doubt and lukewarmness concerning Epworth League work.

The messages brought to the Convention by Rev. Dr. Hazlewood, Secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform; Rev. F. Langford, Sunday School and Epworth League Field Secretary; and Rev. T. E. Sawyer, Conference Epworth League President, were inspiring and instructive. The solution of difficulties, the appreciation of our resources, the development of latent, yet potential, energy and, above all, power, were ably set forth in a masterly programme of world-wide subjects as: "The Hill Difficulty," "God and I," "What We Shall Try To Do," etc.

An able paper on "Luncheon" by Mrs. R. C. Burton, revealed the golden harvest of spiritual life, through nursing the sick and boys for Christ. During the discussion, Mrs. A. H. Brown impressed on the willing mind of the Convention the need of the world's needs secured through them.

In treating the subject of "Christian Junior Leagues," the importance of "Study Classes" by Mrs. J. A. Snell, was clearly revealed by a more efficient service and a larger survey of the world's needs secured through them.

In treating the subject of "Christian

B.D., Woodham; Vice-Presidents: (1) Miss Vera G. Essery, Centralia, (2) Miss Jennie Hardy, Exeter, (3) Mrs. John Hanson, Alisa Craig, (4) Thomas Hazlewood, Kirkton. (5) Miss Jean Baird, Parkhill; Secretary, Rev. A. H. Brown, M.A., B.D., Alisa Craig; Treasurer, Hubert Jones, Exeter; Conference Representative, Rev. T. W. Blatchford, I.L.A., Centralia; Correspondent of Conference Summer School, Miss Mae Wilson, Greenway.

The last hour of the Convention will never be forgotten, because of the high spiritual tone which prevailed.

Rev. W. G. H. McAlister, M.A., President of the Conference, preached from Matt. xvi. 16, and set forth:

1. Knowledge of God and Christ is real power.
2. Everything, to be of value, must centre in Christ.
3. The greatest quality of Christ is His unbounded compassion.
4. The claims that Christ is absolute.
5. The claims must be recognized in confessing Christ.

A goodly number partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in which the President was assisted by Rev. T. T. George, pastor of the church.

The delegates left for their several homes, musing on what they had heard, with pulse quickened, heart aroused, soul fired, to change their ideals into the real.

A. H. BROWN, Secretary.

### Vancouver District Epworth League

Our district executive meeting was held in the Epworth League at 2 o'clock in our Methodist Board Room at Hamilton Hall. The members of the executive assembled immediately after work and sat down to a dainty luncheon which had been prepared by the ladies of the executive. We

### ON THE WAY TO EXETER DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Negative by Mr. Langford.

Steward Titling." Mr. Geo. Stanley maintained:

"To finance a church properly, the sanctification of the pocket, purse and life is required."

"The spirit of commercialism, though dominating corporations and households, can be overcome by instruction in the pulpit on the duty and privilege of 'Titling.'"

Rev. T. W. Blatchford, B.A., in speaking on "The Morning Watch and Bible Study Hour," reminded every one of the importance of being alone with God in the quietness of the day, and that strong spiritual leaders rose a little earlier, rather than miss communion with God.

All appreciated the splendid services of song, under the direction of Rev. T. A. Wiseman. The choir of the church did valiant service.

Resolutions were passed relating to: (1) Some proposed changes of a legislative character.

(2) The need of a more active missionary propaganda.

(3) An appreciation of the services of those taking part in the programme.

For the hospitality of the friends and members of the church.

### LIST OF OFFICERS.

Hon. President, Rev. W. G. H. McAlister, M.A., Exeter; President, Rev. C. W. Baker,

had thirty-seven present, representing thirty societies. We find this an excellent opportunity of meeting in a social way and of getting acquainted with our fellow-workers.

After lunch the District President, Mr. Wesley Stewart, brought the meeting to order, and Rev. Mr. Ireland, of our society of Beaconsfield, led in prayer. The Secretary, Mr. H. T. Brown, called the roll, when the representatives of each society called on rose and gave their name and the name of the League. The President's message to the executive was a reading from the Methodist Sunday School Banner entitled "How They Filled the Vacant Pews," showing how consecrated workers who are loyal to Christ are drawing people to our church and winning souls for Christ.

First Vice-President, Mr. LeDrew, outlined his work of the Christian Endeavour Department and reported having reorganised a new league at Beaconsfield Church and one Young People's Morning Class at Ross. A Memorial Church which is showing an average attendance of 18 members and is having some excellent meetings under the leadership of Mr. A. Campbell, their League president. It is to be hoped that all of our churches will have one of these classes. Mr. LeDrew is noted as a man with the spirit and message of an evangelist, and gave an excellent address urging our