

# Hamilton Conference Epworth League Convention

The eleventh Convention of Hamilton Conference Epworth Leagues was held in Norfolk Street Methodist Church, Guelph, Oct. 10th and 11th, 1912.

At the opening session about 100 delegates assembled, and the number grew to 142 properly appointed representatives, exclusive of the large number who were present throughout from Guelph City Leagues and their friends. These young people represented fairly well the many sections of the Conference, coming, as they did, from as far south as Niagara Falls, and as far north as Hanover and Hobbsville.

Those who attended the last Convention of this organization two years ago, at Berlin, remarked upon the almost complete change of personnel in the delegation. Each succeeding Biennial Convention gathers practically an entirely new representation. How, therefore, can such work as the Convention attempts ever become really out of date?

The Guelph Convention was under the efficient leadership of Rev. G. A. King, B.A., President of Hamilton. In a general way the Committee sought to make the Convention particularly educational. For this purpose it was divided into five groups of conferences, as follows, each group under the leadership of an expert for three consecutive sessions: (1) "Literary and Social," Rev. M. E. Couron, B.A., Hamilton; (2) "Citizenship," Rev. F. L. Farewell, B.A., Toronto; (3) "Junior Work," Miss Agnes Estler, Brantford; (4) "Summer Schools," Mr. Robinson, Brantford; (5) "Literary and Social," Rev. M. E. Couron, B.A., Hamilton; (6) "Citizenship," Rev. F. L. Farewell, B.A., Toronto; (7) "Junior Work," Miss Agnes Estler, Brantford; (8) "Summer Schools," Mr. Robinson, Brantford; (9) "Literary and Social," Rev. M. E. Couron, B.A., Hamilton; (10) "Citizenship," Rev. F. L. Farewell, B.A., Toronto; (11) "Junior Work," Miss Agnes Estler, Brantford; (12) "Summer Schools," Mr. Robinson, Brantford.

Christian Endeavor," Mr. Ralph Steble, Guelph; "Missions," Rev. W. E. Stieby, Toronto.

Revs. C. D. Draper, J. D. Fitzpatrick, Geo. A. King, W. S. Daniels, C. S. Applegarth.

On Thursday evening, Rev. S. T. Bartlett gave an inspiring address on the work, and Dr. Wallace Crawford (missionary) an address with moving pictures of Japan and China.

The session engaged on Junior work adopted and presented to the Convention a very interesting report, which led to a helpful discussion and the adoption of resolutions. (These will appear fully later, Ed.) On Friday evening the Convention assembled for closing session. Hon. W. H. Hestor, Minister of Mines, Forests and Lands, Toronto, delivered a splendid address on "Our Country's Call to our Young People." Rev. J. W. Alkema, Field Secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform, spoke on the great spiritual needs of our Church, and mentioned some signs of an approaching religious awakening. His words came as a benediction and found a most befitting conclusion in a successful Convention.

Officers for the ensuing term elected were:— Pres. Rev. W. S. Daniels, Stoney Creek, Ont.; Vice-pres. (1) Miss Lettie Allen, Wood, Ont.; (2) Rev. M. E. Couron, Hamilton, Ont.; (3) Roy Stewart, Ferguson, Ont.; (4) Miss Agnes Estler, Brantford, Ont.; (5) Miss Agnes Estler, Brantford, Ont.; Secretary, Rev. C. S. Applegarth, Galt, Ont.; Treasurer, Harry Carr, Elora, Ont.—Reporter, Rev. W. S. Daniels, Secretary.

## LONDON DISTRICT CONVENTION DELEGATES AT DINNER.

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These Conferences, though hindered slightly for lack of separate rooms in which to meet, really accomplished the best and most lasting work of the Convention.

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## London District

The London District held its annual Epworth Convention in the Wellington Street Methodist Church, Oct. 17th, 1912. The Rev. W. L. Hiles, B.A., District President, was in the chair, and gave the opening address. The program proved to be profitable and practical. A letter was read from Rev. G. E. Hartwell, and the Rev. O. Darvick was present and gave a brief outline of his experience during his travel by automobile, railway and by a visit from Mr. Darwin.

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Just imagine his disgust a little later when he first the broken glass of the camera into the furnace. We accept the camera's complaint, and leave our readers to interpret what it would mean had it happened at their District Convention. (See actual picture on this page and many reports in the Era. The Editor rarely depends on one plate.—Ed.)

The Conference Epworth League President, Rev. T. B. McArthur, opened the afternoon session with an address on "The Citizen of Epworth." He stated that the Epworth League is not a school for the training of citizens than the usual policy of any political party, and that the modern moral ideal as very low, if judged by the bad workmanship of the average citizen in public life. He stated that the Epworth Leaguers to train and cultivate a citizenship that will be above reproach.

So many practical or editorial paper was given at the League Convention than that of Epworth League, Rev. T. B. McArthur, in this district will become an evangelistic organization if they but catch the spirit of inspiration in this paper.

The above address is to appear in full in the Era, we understand.

The Convention was then held in a round-table conference. Despite the optimism of our General Secretary, the work of the Convention was somewhat in favor of a pessimistic outlook on present conditions. We are the General Secretary we caught some of his enthusiasm and that we sincerely appreciate his report.

The following compose the newly-elected Executive:—

- Hon. Rev. Rev. Geo. N. Hazen, B.A.; Pres. Mr. J. H. McRoberts, 790 Queen St. E.; Vice-Pres. (1) Rev. J. W. Herbert, Brynston, Ont.; (2) Miss Annie M. Moseley, (3) Miss Ella Baker, Littlewood; (4) Alfred Jones, Grand Avenue; (5) Miss E. Long, 44 Hillside Avenue, Con. Rev. J. W. Hiles, B.A., Delaware, Sec., Mr. J. W. Showler, 445 King Street, Pres. Miss Eva Van Deinder, Lambeth, Corr.-Sec. of Summer School, Miss L. McMechan, 344 King Street, Dist. Sec. Conference on Moral Reform, Rev. A. E. Jones, Belmont.—C. J. Moorehouse, Reporter.

## Wiarion District

The Annual Epworth League Convention of the Wiarion District was held at Epworth, on Thursday, Oct. 17th. The Convention was well attended and the program was very interesting. In this work deepened and increased throughout the three sessions, making it a most helpful and inspiring gathering.

One of the most encouraging signs was the ready way and excellent manner in which the different Leagues presented their reports, it being a decided improvement on former years.

The principal speaker of the session was Rev. W. Sibley, returned missionary from China, who gave an address on "The Advance of the Mission Work in China."

Another of the attractions was the awarding of the prize in the essay contest, which was given to Miss Walpole, Oxenden League, the subject being "What I can do to Make My Country Better."

After each session the delegates were invited to the Sunday School room, where they were entertained and tempting refreshments served. This feature of the programme was highly appreciated by all, and a pleasant time was spent in getting acquainted with one another.

The officers for the ensuing year:— Hon. Pres. Rev. J. A. Jackson, Tara, Ont.; Pres. (1) Mr. Geo. Hamby, Shallow Lake; (2) Mrs. J. Jewitt, Hepworth; (3) Mrs. W. W. Wainwright, Port Hope; (4) Mrs. W. McNeill, Wiarion; (5) Mrs. B. Danard, Kembie, Sec. Miss E. Jones, Oxenden, Treas., Mr. Howard Baldwin, Oxenden.

## Cobourg District

On Wednesday, October 23rd, afternoon and evening, most successful meetings were held at the Social Evening. The weather and bad roads the attendance was most gratifying. The delegates were entertained by the Cobourg League of the church.

The afternoon session consisted of papers and discussions on different aspects of young people's work in the Epworth League.

A paper on "A Social Evening" was given by Miss Maggie Mills, of Canton. "A Literary Evening" was the subject of a paper presented by Miss Burton, Port Hope. Dr. Laker discussed the subject of "Canadian Citizenship." A paper on "The Epworth League in West China," was read by Miss Phyllis Wainwright, Port Hope. Rev. W. W. Centreton, spoke on "The Life and Work of Rev. Dr. Smith."

The primary subject was further dealt with in papers by Mr. E. Harper, of Cambridge, and Miss Mary Lawless, of Stratford. The paper on "The Epworth League Department" was presented by Mr. Harold