

How They Got Them—200—in the Berlin League

IN the regular Church Calendar for December 31st last, in the Methodist Church of Berlin, Ontario, a rather striking notice appeared. It read, "Owing to Monday, January 1, coming on New Year's Day, the League meeting will be withdrawn, but 200—." The figures were large and prominent. The calendar for January 7th contained the regular League announcement, but the ambiguous 200 again appeared, with the injunction, "Watch the Dial." The same mysterious and mighty 200— appeared on January 14th, accompanied by a call to a "Practice held after Service." What did it all mean? The calendar for January 21st contained some measure of explanation, in the following intimation for Monday: Epworth League meeting at 8 p.m. Citizenship Campaign Charge. This is the big 200 Night which you have all been looking forward to. A unique gathering of young men is assured, and will no doubt outnumber the ladies. To any who have not agreed to be present, we extend a cordial invitation and promise you a good time. Collection." But what did the gigantic 200 stand for? The Monday evening made all clear, and the splendid crowd of young men present at the League meeting told the whole story. But while the editor knows something about this excellent meeting, he cannot describe it half as well as our good friend Mr. J. W. Smith, who has kindly acceded to his request for some detailed account of the proceedings. Mr. Smith's letter contains the following interesting and suggestive paragraphs. Let others adopt, and if possible improve, the plan of operations:

"Although the attendance of our young men was fair, and increasing with every meeting, still we did not have the numbers we knew we could get. Mr. Armstrong, the head of the Citizenship Department, was the dynamo behind our operations, and we started what we called a '200 Campaign,' and I might say that all the young men on the committee did their best and put forth every effort to make it a success.

"About three weeks before the meeting we announced that we were working for 200. A week later we had ladies placed in the lobbies of the church, showing our progress. We purposely made our announcements indefinite and mysterious, and people began to become interested.

"The first thing, of course, we did was to form different committees to look after obtaining of the costumes, the programme, and the advertising. All the young men in the League were on the Campaign Committee, which was responsible for the attendance of 200 young men on January 22nd. Our young men met very often for two weeks at the rooms of one of our number, to discuss the campaign.

"Our meeting was announced four weeks beforehand in the church calendar. Members of our committee were stationed in different parts of the church, and they secured the names and addresses of all the young men sitting near them. As many as would were induced to sign his name on the back of our Promise Card, which was as follows:

**YES I WILL
BE ONE OF THE 200**
CITIZENSHIP CAMPAIGN
TRINITY EPWORTH LEAGUE
JAN. 22nd, 1912

"All those who signed were told that they were promising definitely to be at the League meeting. The person securing the signature placed his number on it and handed it, along with any others he might have, to one of the Committee, who took note of the names and credited the person corresponding to the number on the card with the promises he had obtained. In this way all of us had something to do and came more in touch with other young men who attended church more or less regularly. We were also able to tell how many had promised, their addresses, and how many names each worker had secured. Some of our young men secured twenty and thirty names.

"Some of the fellows refused to sign. In this case we placed their name, address and excuse on a small printed sheet, with the number of the person making the report, like this:

Citizenship Campaign

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

NAME	
ADDRESS	
ANSWER	

"This was handed in at headquarters, and we made it a point to send not one but four or five after the man we wanted, until somebody secured his name.

"We made a very thorough canvass and secured promises we never expected to receive. We did not ask the young women to promise, since we felt sure if we could secure the attendance of the young men the ladies would come anyway; and so they did.

"A few days prior to the meeting we mailed in a neat envelope this reminder to all who had promised to attend:

Lest You Forget

NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

is the big night

Citizenship Campaign

JANUARY 22nd, 1912

Trinity Epworth League

We are glad you have agreed to be with us at 8 p.m.

"The attendance was the largest I have ever seen at a League service. Our schoolroom was crowded, the men especially turning out in large numbers. The indefinite nature of our announcements, the quiet yet determined way in which we made our preparations, and our bold resolve to fill the schoolroom with young men, all seemed to draw the people.

"About thirty took part in the programme. These represented, in their dress, practically every nation sending emigrants to Canada, and occupied four rows of chairs, one row above another, so that all could see. Many of the costumes were real, such as the Scotch Highland dress, the Chinese, and the Dutch. By placing before the eyes of the large audience the group of representatives of every type to be found in

Canada, we endeavored to give and leave the impression that this country is a great, composite nation.

"We took our places on the platform and carried out our programme automatically, dispensing with the aid of a chairman. We were grouped around Miss Canada, who occupied a throne in the centre.

"The following constituted the programme:

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| Item. | Announced by |
| 1. Chorus, "O Canada"..... | |
| 2. Hymn No. —..... | Mr. O. A. Keffler |
| 3. Prayer, Rev. H. W. Crews..... | |
| 4. Miss Canada, Recitation..... | Mr. H. Armstrong |
| 5. Jack Canuck, Song..... | |
| 6. M. Smith, Talk on Immigration..... | |
| 7. Violin Solo, Mr. Eden Schlee..... | Mr. Irvin Schlee |
| 8. "Our Irish Representative, Patrick"..... | Mr. R. J. Goudie |
| 9. Hymn No. —..... | Miss Canada |
| 10. Mr. Irvin Schlee, Talk..... | Mr. Keffler |
| 11. Solo, Mr. Keffler..... | Mr. Oliver |
| 12. Mr. H. Armstrong, Talk..... | Mr. Smith |
| 13. Piano Duet, Misses Hillman and Wildfang..... | Mr. Keffler |
| 14. Chorus, "The Maple Leaf"..... | Mr. Keffler |
| 15. Address, Rev. H. W. Crews..... | |
| 16. Offering..... | Mr. H. Armstrong |
| 17. Hymn No. —..... | Mr. Crews |
| 18. God Save the King..... | Mr. Keffler |
| 19. Mizpah..... | Mr. Keffler |

"The announcement of the various numbers by different persons gave variety.

"The addresses formed the most important part of the programme, although they did not in any way overbalance it. I cannot send any of the addresses, since our young men, thanks to the experience they have gained on the League platform, spoke only from a few notes they had taken. The talks were very interesting and were well delivered. All dealt with problems and duties of citizenship: The duty of Canadians to the immigrants, the Church's attitude toward sports, the need of the highest ideals in true sportsmanship on the part of young men, and the part we can play in promoting true and noble citizenship. Each address was of about fifteen minutes' duration, but every minute was full of interest.

"We employed only League talent and the exercises certainly demonstrated that our Leaguers knew how to provide a good programme, and that they are awake and aggressive.

"Interest in the League is increasing, our attendance is growing, and our Citizenship Department is very active, reaching out for new members, especially young men, and so endeavoring to fulfil the purpose of the citizenship phase of Epworth League life and work."

Drunkenness is the vice of a good constitution, or of a bad memory.—of a constitution that never forgets that it never bends until it breaks; or of a memory that recollects the pleasure of getting intoxicated, but forgets the pains of getting sober.—Carlton.

Intemperance is a Hydra with a hundred heads. She never stalks abroad unaccompanied with impurity, anger, and the most infamous profligacies.—St. Chrysostom.

What maintains one vice would bring up two children.—Dr. Franklin.