

## From the Field.

### New Church

One of the striking features of our work is the large number of beautiful new churches that are being erected in country places. The Province of Manitoba is not by any means behind the other provinces in this respect. Many very fine edifices have been built in recent years that are a credit to the people. Here is the picture of one, at Chumah, Man., on the Hamiota Circuit, of which Rev. S. P. Riddell is pastor. It cost \$2,500, and has been almost entirely paid for in one year. There is a good Sunday-school and an excellent Epworth League. Mr. Riddell speaks hopefully of the prospects.

### Successful Missionary Campaign

During the past month we had the pleasure of a call from Rev. G. H. Raley, of Kitimat, B.C., who is spending the winter in Ontario, on furlough. He reports having visited all the Leagues of the Wingham District during the past



NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT CHUMAH, MAN.

few weeks, as this district is supporting him. The meetings were well attended and wonderfully enthusiastic. People came from long distances, and in one place the interest was so great that the meeting did not close until after twelve o'clock. All the Leagues will show an increase in their givings, one going up from \$9 to \$100. It is expected that Wingham District will increase this year from \$644 to \$1,000.

Mr. Raley speaks warmly of the zeal and energy of the president of the district, Rev. Kenneth Beaton, and seems to have been greatly impressed by the aggressiveness of the Leagues.

### Unique Literary Programme

A rather novel literary evening was held by the League at Empress Avenue, London, in December.

Several of the League members were asked to write short, original stories, each with a moral. The request was most willingly complied with, and as a result we received some eight or ten stories. On our literary night two of the members divided the stories up and read them to the League. The interest taken in the meeting, owing to the fact

of the stories being original, was notable, our numbers being almost double that of any meeting held this winter.

We are also starting a Reading Circle, and will send to you for the books next week. One word for your paper, which personally I appreciate. We have an average of one subscriber to every five of our League members, and we hope to do even better and make it two in five. Wishing you every success.

Ethel McPherson, Literary Vice-Pres.

### Epworth Leaguers of the Canadian West, Attention!

Fellow-workers,—You have frequently heard me in convention, institute and rally draw attention to the need for a comprehensive catalogue of League supplies, and to the probability of one issuing from the Central Office. You will find in the pamphlet, "How to make the League go," a good description, with price of everything essential and of value to Epworth League work—wall pledges, badges, music books, officers' books, leaflets and books of all descriptions for every department and committee. The authors are recognized leaders in the Young People's Movement in Canada and

addresses on Bible Study. Professor Reynolds, B.A., of the Agricultural College, Guelph, took the book of Philipians as introductory to Bible studies for the coming year. The Rev. Theo. J. Parr's subject was: "The Bible: What Leaguers Should Know of its Construction." The Rev. S. E. Marshall, B.A., R.D., spoke on "The Acts of the Apostles." On Tuesday evening our missionary gave lantern views of Queen Charlotte Islands, which were appreciated by all. Much valuable instruction was given during the various sessions of the convention. We look for still more progress under the new president, Rev. D. A. Walker, B.A.

### Brantford District

At a session held in Colborne Street Church, of the Brantford District Leagues, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Hon. President, Rev. A. L. Gee, Ph.D., Wellington Street, Brantford.

President, Rev. H. W. Thompson, B.A., Fair Avenue, Brantford.

1st Vice-Pres., Miss Ina Dunn, Paris.

2nd Vice-Pres., Miss M. File, Cainsville.

3rd Vice-Pres., Rev. T. R. Todd, Oxford Street, Brantford.

4th Vice-Pres., Miss Nettie Richards, Copetown.

5th Vice-Pres., Miss E. Bowes, B.A., Brantford.

Treasurer, Miss M. Gimby, Pearl Street, Brantford.

M. Bradshaw, Sec., 124 William Street.

### A Deed of Friendship

The Epworth League at Bowmanville, on the day before Christmas, presented their pastor, Rev. D. D. Crossley, with a fountain pen, accompanying it with the following unique address:

#### "DEED OF FRIENDSHIP."

THIS INDENTURE, made the twenty fourth day of December, A.D. 1904, between the Epworth League, of Bowmanville, party of the first part, and Rev. D. O. Crossley, of Bowmanville, Ont., party of the second part, Witnesseth:

That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of Friendship, Good Will and Christmas Cheer, has given, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents does give, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part the following described property, to wit:

One fountain pen:

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all and singular the appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever.

In Witness Whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

I, SANTA CLAUS, a Justice of the Peace for the town of Bowmanville, aforesaid, and for every other town and city and county in Canada, hereby certify that the Epworth League, party of the first part in the foregoing instrument, personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed.

Witness my hand and official seal this twenty-fourth day of December, A.D. 1904.

SANTA CLAUS.

the United States. Let our presidents and heads of departments see that every League has one at once. You will join with me in recognition of the care manifested by Dr. Crews in publishing this catalogue of helps to be purchased at the Methodist Book Room.

Yours for a zeal according to knowledge.

Hiram Hull, Rat Portage, Ont.

### Guelph District

The tenth annual convention of the Guelph Epworth League was held at Rockwood. The special features of the convention were a study of church history, the Bible and missions. The Rev. A. E. Lavell, B.A., of Waterloo, gave four very instructive and interesting addresses on Church History. The topics were: "History of the First Century," "Fourteen Centuries," "The Perils of Expansion," and "An Attempt at Reconstruction." These were enjoyed by all.

The Rev. A. C. Crews held a Round Table Talk on Monday afternoon, which was especially practicable and helpful. He also spoke at night on "The One and One Society," the theme of his address being personal work. There were three

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