

From the Field.

Manhood League

A Manhood League has been organized in Devine St. Church, Sarnia, with four departments, viz.: Christian Manhood, Literary, Social, Athletic.

The League will hold one regular meeting each week on Friday evening. A reading room is being furnished, and will be open three or four nights in the week, possibly every night. The men of the church are showing a keen interest in this movement.

Bible Study Plans

The Epworth League of Queen's Avenue Church, New Westminster, B.C., have adopted a unique method of Bible Study for this winter. Some thirty or more of the members have commenced the study of the Gospel according to John, and are preparing their "Own Commentary." The initial evening's study commenced with a short sketch of the life of the Apostle Evangelist, and a series of questions introductory to the study of the Gospel, such as: At what point does each Gospel writer begin, and why? What was John the Baptist's relation to Jesus, (a) as to family, (b) as to ministry, (c) as to message? What was the distinction between priests and Levites, and what was the work of each? What personal work is revealed in this chapter? What relation does personal work bear to such an organization as a League? What proof had Andrew, John and Nathaniel that Jesus was the Christ? What proof have I of such a truth?

These and other like questions were taken up, answered concisely, and the facts included in the folios which are eventually to be illuminated by pictures and maps, as these can be secured, and finally bound together for reference.

Prizes aggregating ten dollars are to be given to those who at the close of the winter's campaign have prepared the best commentaries.

Rev. Dr. Sipprell, the resourceful Principal of Columbian College, is responsible for the idea, and is assisting to the successful carrying out of the same.

Just a Line or Two

The League at Delhi has a Reading Circle which has ordered 20 sets of the books.

Queen's Avenue Church, New Westminster, B.C., has a flourishing Junior Boys' League.

The League of George St. Church, Peterboro, will raise \$100 for missions this year.

The Young People's Societies of the New Westminster District, B.C., have organized a District League.

Miss Edith Trembley, 5th Vice-President of the St. Thomas District League, recently organized a Junior League at Mount Salem, with 19 active members.

A new League was organized at Port Colborne on Sunday evening, Oct. 25th, at the close of a sermon by the General Secretary. Fifty-four members were received.

At a recent consecration meeting of the George St. League, Peterboro, there was an unusually large attendance, and every active member but four gave personal testimony.

The President of the League at Freeman writes: "Our League is very much alive. Nearly all the young people of the neighborhood attend, as well as a number of older people."

Lakefield Epworth League raised \$15 for the local option campaign, and also gave \$10 for the Deacons' Fresh Air Fund.

At a series of evangelistic services, the members of George St. League, Peterboro, occupied the front seats night after night, and co-operated actively with the pastor in carrying on the work.

There are two Senior and two Junior Leagues on the New Liskeard District, which aim at raising \$150 for the Forward Movement this year. New Liskeard League alone raised \$75 last year.

The General Sunday-school and Epworth League Board is called to meet in Toronto on Dec. 11th, for the election of two Associate General Secretaries, one for the West, and one for the East.

The Galt District League publishes a four page leaflet, giving an account of the recent District Convention, together with a copy of the resolutions passed by the Convention, a financial statement, and a full list of local and District League officers. This is a capital idea that other Districts might well copy.

The Bridge St. Epworth League, Belleville, reports a very successful summer and fall. The present membership is 132, and the average attendance for the six months ending Oct. 30th was 74. An aggressive fall and winter campaign has been planned, not only in the way of specially interesting meetings, but in building up the spiritual work of the Church.

The officers of the Chatham District League have arranged for a campaign, during which every Circuit will be visited before the first of January by a representative of the Executive. The object is to organize new Leagues, revive dead ones, and create an interest in missionary work. This is the kind of thing that District officers are appointed for. Let us hear of other districts doing the same thing.

Western League News

There were only two Leagues reported on the Arcola district last Conference, but there are a number of pastors planning to organize this year.

A new League has been formed at Arcola, with a membership of forty. The Forward Movement has been adopted, and up to the time of writing about \$75 has been subscribed.

The Coteau League on the Arcola Circuit adopted the Forward Movement and secured promises to the amount of \$135, which they expect will be increased to \$200. This is a country League, and has only been organized about seven months.

Maryland St. Epworth League, Winnipeg, recently held a very interesting temperance meeting, with about seven-hundred present. About fifty members of this League visited the Norwood League not long ago, and met with a most hearty reception.

Personal Items

The General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Crews, will visit Bermuda in January and February in the interests of Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues.

The Holstein Church presented Rev. C. P. and Mrs. Holmes with a silver tea service, previously to their leaving for Japan, as the representatives of the Mount Forest, Warton, and Walkerton Districts.

At a recent meeting of the Exeter District Executive, a resolution was passed expressing great appreciation of the appointment of Dr. Allan as missionary representative of the District. This appreciation was also expressed in a practical

manner by presenting Dr. Allan with a typewriter.

A valued League worker has been called to her reward, in the person of Miss Louise V. Cornish, daughter of Rev. Dr. Cornish, of this city. She was at the time of her death, superintendent of the Junior League of Wesley Church, and has been President of the League at Hespler and Port Elgin. She was a beautiful character, and an active Christian, who had been greatly missed in the home and in the Church. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the sorrowing parents.

Bowmanville District

The eleventh annual Convention of the Epworth Leagues of the Bowmanville District was held in Simcoe St. Methodist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 6th. The church was beautifully decorated and many appropriate mottoes attracted attention. The majority of the Leagues were well represented and the sessions largely attended. Much praise is due the Program Committee for the strong programme arranged.

The Chentu College, West China, was the principal subject on the programme for discussion, and was introduced by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, General Secretary of Missions. The Leagues of the Bowmanville District being without a missionary since 1st of June last, it was decided, after a lively discussion, to devote the missionary money this year to the building of the college.

The Secretary's report for the past year showed a marked increase in membership and in finances, especially in the missionary givings.

The officers-elect were introduced at the evening session:

Hon. President—Rev. S. J. Shorey, Oshawa.

President—Mr. W. H. Moore, Hampton.

1st Vice—Mr. W. E. O'Brien, Oshawa.

2nd Vice—Rev. J. R. Butler, Courtice.

3rd Vice—Miss J. McLean, Bowmanville.

4th Vice—Miss Eva Richard, Newcastle.

5th Vice—Mrs. F. Trebilcock, Ennisville.

Secretary—Mr. A. J. Gay, Courtice.

Treasurer—Mr. Walter Richard, Bowmanville.

Conference Representative—Rev. W. B. Tucker, Oshawa.

Summer School Committee—Miss S. Mason, Bowmanville; Miss M. Momen, Irono; Mr. F. R. Foley, Bowmanville.

Belleville District

The twelfth annual convention of the Belleville District Epworth League was held at Corbyville, Oct. 19th, 1906. Owing to a steady downpour of rain lasting all day the attendance was small, but the convention proved very helpful, and was enjoyed by all present.

Rev. S. F. Dixon, Conference League President, was present, and gave two addresses. Dr. Stephenson kindly loaned a "Who Am I" exhibit. We have resolved to purchase this library and introduce it into all the Leagues on this District. We have decided to campaign our field again this year. We place our aim in forward movement givings in support of Dr. Winch at \$500 for the coming year, an increase of \$200. It was resolved that we desire to express our most hearty loyalty to Dr. Winch, our missionary, and his family at Hazelton Hospital. We rejoice in the great success of the work, especially in learning that the hospital will probably reach self-support this year. Even though it does so we have no intention of giving up Dr. Winch as our representative in the field. We desire that our Forward Movement givings this year go as formerly to his support, and that any surplus from the hospital